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The following historical data is prepared in three parts.

Part 1. Counties

Part 1 contains a list of counties and gives the date of their incorporation or the date when the name of the county first appeared in the records.

Part 2. Existing Cities and Towns

Part 2 contains the names of cities and towns as existing in 1948, arranged alphabetically, and the date and data first given is that first found, affecting such place, in the Colonial, Provincial or State records. Then follows chronologically, a brief and concise summary of subsequent legislation considered pertinent to changes in territorial limits, or the subsequent incorporation of a town as a city.

Part 3. Extinct Places

Part 3, "Extinct Places," follows the same arrangement of historical data as in Part 2 except, that it relates to those cities, towns and districts which no longer exist as such due to merger, change of name, annexation, and to those which are now outside the boundaries of Massachusetts. It also serves as a cross reference to names of certain land areas as they were called or known by in the early records.

In colonial and provincial times in Massachusetts, groups of individuals within clearly defined areas, not strong enough to become a town, were often established by law as townships or districts, without certain town privileges, one of which was the power to choose a representative.

General Acts Passed Relative to the Incorporation of Towns.

1775, Acts of, Chapter 3 (Section 3) Passed August 23, 1775.

". . . every corporate Body in this Colony; which in the Act for the incorporation thereof is said, & declared to be made a *district;* and has by such Act granted to it, or is declared to be vested with the rights, powers, priviledges, or immunities of a Town with the exception above mentioned, or chusing, and sending a Representative to the great, and general Court, or Assembly [shall hence f]orth be, and shall be holden, taken, and intended to be a Town to all intents [and purposes] whatsoever." (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 420.)

1785, Acts of, Chapter 75 Passed March 23, 1786.

". . . the inhabitants of every Town within this Government, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate . . ."

R. S. Chapter 15, Section 9. Passed Nov. 4, 1835.

"All places now incorporated by the name of districts, except the district of Marshpee in the County of Barnstable, shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties to which towns are entitled or subject by the provisions of this chapter."

Maps on File in Massachusetts Archives

Under the resolves of 1794 and 1829, maps of the several towns and districts and the city of Boston were ordered to be filed in the Secretary's office.

1794, Chapter 101. Passed June 26, 1794.

Under this resolve, accurate plans of towns and districts, upon a scale of 200 rods to an inch, were made and appear in Town Plans, 1794, Volumes 1 to 16, with the exception of Chelsea.

1829, Chapter 50. Passed March 1, 1830.

Under this resolve, accurate plans of Boston and the several towns and districts, upon a scale of 100 rods to an inch, were made and appear in Town Plans, 1830, Volumes 1 to 16, with the exception of Carver, Chelsea, Littleton, New Bedford and Plympton.

Historical Data Relating to Counties

Names of Counties	Date of Incorporation or First Mention in the Records	Reference to Act
Barnstable	June 2, 1685	Ply. Col. Rec. Vol. VI, p. 169.
Berkshire	April 21, 1761[1]	Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 432.
Bristol	June 2, 1685	Ply. Col. Rec. Vol. VI, p. 169.
Dukes County	June 22, 1695[2]	Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 216.[2]
Essex	May 10, 1643	Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 38.
Franklin	June 24, 1811[3]	Chapter 61, Acts of 1811.
Hampden	February 25, 1812[4]	Chapter 137, Acts of 1811.
Hampshire	May 7, 1662	Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 52.
Middlesex	May 10, 1643	Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 38.
Nantucket	June 22, 1695	Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 216
Norfolk (Extinct)	May 10, 1643[5]	Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 38.
Norfolk	March 26, 1793[6]	Chapter 72, Acts of 1792.
Plymouth	June 2, 1685	Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. VI, p. 169.
Suffolk	May 10, 1643	Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 38.
Worcester	April 2, 1731[7]	Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 584.

[1]Act took effect June 30, 1761.

[2]By an act passed by the legislature of New York, November 1, 1683, entitled, "An act to divide this province and dependences into shires and Countyes," the County of Dukes County was established as follows: "Dukes County so contayns the Island of Nantuckett, Martin's Vineyard Elizabeth Island and nomans Land." By the Province Charter in 1692 (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 9) the "Isles of Cappawock and Nantuckett near Cape Cod" were granted to the Province of Massachusetts Bay. June 13, 1693 (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 117), the "Islands of Capawock, alias Martha's Vinyard," are referred to. June 22, 1695 (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 216), it was ordered that "The Islands of Martha's Vineyard, Elsabeth Islands, the islands called Noman's land and all the dependencies formerly belonging to Dukes County (the Island of Nantucket only excepted) shall be and remain, and continue to be one county to all intents and purposes, by the name of Duke's County."

[3]Act took effect December 2, 1811.

[4]Act took effect August 1, 1812.

[5]February 4, 1680, the towns remaining in Norfolk County were re-annexed to Essex county (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 264).

[6]Act took effect June 20, 1793.

[7]Act took effect July 10, 1731.

Historical Data Relating to Cities and Towns.

Part 2

Abington, Plymouth County.

1712.	June 10.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Bridgewater and certain lands adjoining. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 805.)
1727.	June 14.*	Part included in the new town of Hanover.
1847.	Mar. 31.	Bounds between Abington and Weymouth established.
1861.	Mar. 21.	Bounds between Abington and Randolph established.
1861.	Mar. 21.	Bounds between Abington and Hingham established.
1874.	Mar. 9.	Part established as Rockland.
1875.	Mar. 4.	Part included in the new town of South Abington.

Acton, Middlesex County.

1735.	July 3.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Concord called "The Village" or "New Grant" together with "Willard's Farm". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, 763.)
1747.	Dec. 11.*	Bounds between Acton and Concord established.
1780.	Apr. 28.	Part included in the district of Carlisle.

Acushnet, Bristol County.

1860.	Feb. 13.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Fairhaven.
1875.	Apr. 9.	Part annexed to New Bedford.

Adams, Berkshire County.

1778.	Oct. 15.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "East Hoosuck" (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, 909.)
1780.	Apr. 10.	The plantation called "New Providence" annexed.
1793.	Mar. 14.	Part included in the new town of Cheshire.
1878.	Apr. 16.	Part established as North Adams.

Agawam, Hampden County.

1855.	May 17.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of West Springfield.

Alford, Berkshire County.

1773.	Feb. 16.	Established as the district of Alford from part of Great Barrington and certain common lands. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 236.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1779.	Feb. 11.	Part of Great Barrington annexed.
1790.	Feb. 6.	Bounds between Alford and Egremont established.
1819.	Feb. 18.	Part of Great Barrington annexed.
1847.	Mar. 17.	Part of West Stockbridge annexed.

Amesbury, Essex County.

1668.	May 27.*	Name of the town of Salisbury new town[1] changed. "Salisbury new toune . . . may be named Emesbury." The spelling in the margin of the records is "Amsbury". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 376.)
1675.	May 12.*	Just and full bounds allowed to "Amesbury". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 40.)
1844.	Mar. 15.	Part of Salisbury called "Little Salisbury" annexed.

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* The asterisk (*), as used in this pamphlet, means Old Style or according to the Julian Calendar. The present calendar, the Gregorian or New Style, was adopted by an act of Parliament of Great Britain. It was ordered that September 3, 1752, should become September 14 and that the legal year should commence with the first of January, instead of March 25, beginning January 1, 1752.

To change Old Style to New Style add 10 days to a 17th century date and 11 to an 18th century date.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Amesbury, Essex County—Continued.

1876.	Apr. 11.	Part established as Merrimac.
1886.	June 16.	Part of Salisbury annexed.
1886.	July 1.	Act of June 16, 1886, took effect.

Amherst, Hampshire County.

1759.	Feb. 13.	Part of Hadley established as the district of Amherst. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 173.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1789.	Jan. 15.	Part of Hadley annexed.
1811.	Feb. 28.	Part of Hadley annexed.
1812.	Feb. 18.	Part of Hadley annexed.
1814.	Feb. 17.	Part of Hadley annexed.
1815.	Mar. 1.	Bounds between Amherst and Hadley established and parts of each town annexed to the other town.

Andover, Essex County.

1646.	May 6*	A purchase of land by the ". . . inhabitants of Cochichawick, now called Andiver, . . . y^e^ towne, . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 159.)
1658.	May 26.*	Bounds between Andover and "Billirikey" established.
1678.	May 9.*	Bounds between Andover and "Wills Hill" established.
1728.	June 20.*	Part included in the new town of Middleton.
1847.	Apr. 17.	Part included in the new town of Lawrence.
1855.	Apr. 7.	Part established as North Andover.
1879.	Feb. 4.	Part annexed to Lawrence.
1903.	May 21.	Bounds between Andover and Tewksbury established.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between Andover and North Reading established.

Arlington, Middlesex County.

1867.	Apr. 13.	Name of the town of West Cambridge[1] changed to Arlington.
1867.	Apr. 30.	Act of Apr. 13, 1867, took effect.
1910.	Mar. 16.	Bounds between Arlington and Somerville established.
1911.	May 5.	Bounds between Arlington and Cambridge established if accepted by the selectmen and city council.
1911.	May 22.	Act of May 5, 1911, accepted by selectmen of Arlington.
1911.	May 31.	Act of May 5, 1911, accepted by city council of Cambridge.
1938.	May 26.	Bounds between Arlington and Belmont established.
1938.	Oct. 3.	Act of May 26, 1938, took effect.

Ashburnham, Worcester County.

1765.	Feb. 22.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the plantation of "Dorchester-Canada". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 739.)
1767.	Mar. 6.	Part inclued in the new town of Ashby.
1785.	June 27.	Part included in the new town of Gardner.
1792.	Nov. 16.	Part annexed to Ashby.
1815.	Feb. 16.	Part of Gardner annexed.
1824.	Jan. 28.	Part of Westminster annexed.

Ashby, Middlesex County.

1767.	Mar. 6.	**Established as a town,** from parts of Ashburnham, Fitchburg and Townsend. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 908.)
1792.	Nov. 16.	Part of Ashburnham annexed.
1829.	Mar. 3.	Part of Fitchburg annexed.

Ashfield, Franklin County.

1765.	June 21.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation of "Huntstown"[1] (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 815.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Ashland, Middlesex County.

1846.	Mar. 16.	**Incorporated as a town**, from parts of Framingham, Holliston and Hopkinton.
1853.	Apr. 28.	Part to be annexed to Hopkinton when a certain sum of money is paid by Hopkinton.
1853.	May 2.	Act of Apr. 28, 1853, took effect.

Athol, Worcester County.

1762.	Mar. 6.	**Established as a town**, formerly the plantation of "Payquage". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 534.)
1783.	Oct. 15.	Part included in the district of Orange.
1786.	Oct. 20.	Part included in the new town of Gerry.
1799.	Feb. 26.	Part annexed to Royalston.
1803.	Mar. 7.	Part annexed to Royalston.
1806.	Feb. 28.	Part of Gerry annexed.
1816.	Feb. 7.	Part of Orange annexed.
1829.	June 11.	Certain tract of land annexed.
1830.	Feb. 5.	Part of New Salem annexed.
1837.	Mar. 16.	Part of New Salem annexed.

ATTLEBORO, Bristol County.

1694.	Oct. 19.*	**Established as a town**, from part of Rehoboth known as "The North Purchase", to be called Attleborough. (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 184.)
1697.	Sept. 10.*	Bounds between Attleborough and Rehoboth established.
1710.	June 26.*	Part of Rehoboth called "Mile & Half of Land" annexed to Attleborough.
1830.	Feb. 18.	Bounds between Attleborough and Wrentham established and part annexed to Wrentham.
1887.	June 14.	Part established as North Attleborough.
1887.	July 30.	Act of June 14, 1887, accepted by the town.
1888.	Mar. 6.	Acceptance of the act of June 14, 1887, ratified and confirmed.
1914.	June 17.*	**Incorporated as a city**, under the name of Attleboro, formerly the town of Attleborough.
1914.	Nov. 3.	Act of June 17, 1914, accepted by the town.

Auburn, Worcester County.

1837.	Feb. 17.	Name of the town of Ward[1] changed to Auburn.
1851.	May 24.	Part annexed to Millbury.
1908.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Auburn and Oxford established.

Avon, Norfolk County.

1888.	Feb. 21.	**Incorporated as a town**, from part of Stoughton.
1889.	Apr. 16.	Parts of Holbrook and Randolph annexed.

Ayer, Middlesex County.

1871.	Feb. 14.	**Incorporated as a town**, from parts of Groton and Shirley.

Barnstable, Barnstable County.

1638.	Mar. 5.*	Mentioned in a list of those "allowed to exercise men in Armes", . . . "ffor Barnestable . . . Mr Thom Dimmack . . .". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. XI, p. 30.)
1641.	June 17.*	Bounds between Barnstable and Yarmouth established.
1652.	Mar. 2.*	Bounds between Barnstable and Sandwich to be established.
1658.	Mar. 11.*	Barnstable and Yarmouth agreed upon bounds.
1662.	June 3.*	Additional lands granted to Barnstable.
1662.	June 10.*	Bounds between Barnstable and Sandwich to be established.
1672.	Oct. 29.*	Bounds between Barnstable and Sandwich established

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Barnstable, Barnstable County—Continued.

1795.	**Jan. 22.**	Bounds between Barnstable and the district of Mashpee established.
1894.	**Mar. 28.**	Bounds between Barnstable and Mashpee established.
1916.	**Apr. 24.**	Bounds between Barnstable and Mashpee established. and part of Sandwich annexed.

Barre, Worcester County.

1776.	**Nov. 7.**	Name of the town of Hutchinson[1] changed to Barre. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 592.)

Becket, Berkshire County.

1765.	**June 21.**	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Number Four". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 817.)
1783	**Mar. 12.**	Part included in the new town of Middlefield.
1798.	**Feb. 3.**	Certain lands lying between Becket, Blandford, Chester and Loudon annexed.
1810.	**Mar. 1.**	Part of Loudon annexed.

Bedford, Middlesex County.

1729.	**Sept. 23.***	**Established as a town,** from parts of Billerica and Concord. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 527.)
1767.	**Feb. 26.**	Part of Billerica annexed.
1768.	**June 9.**	Part of Lexington annexed.

Belchertown, Hampshire County.

1761.	**June 30.**	**Established as a town,** by the name of "Belcher's Town" formerly the plantation called "Cold Spring". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 464.)
1765.	**Feb. 27.**	Part annexed to Greenwich.
1771.	**June 22.**	Part annexed to Greenwich.
1787.	**June 21.**	Part annexed to Greenwich.
1788.	**June 16.**	Part annexed to Pelham.
1816.	**Feb. 15.**	Part included in the new town of Enfield.
1927.	**Apr. 26.**	Part of Enfield annexed.
1938.	**Apr. 26.**	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	**Apr. 28.**	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Bellingham, Norfolk County.

1719.	**Nov. 27.***	**Established as a town,** from parts of Dedham, Mendon and Wrentham. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IX, p. 688.)
1735.	**Apr. 11.***	Bounds between Bellingham and Wrentham established.
1832.	**Feb. 23.**	Bounds between Bellingham and Franklin established.
1872.	**Mar. 7.**	Bounds between Bellingham and Mendon established.
1941.	**Oct. 9.**	Bounds between Bellingham and Franklin established.
1941.	**Dec. 9.**	Act of Oct. 9, 1941, took effect.

Belmont, Middlesex County.

1859.	**Mar. 18.**	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Waltham, Watertown and West Cambridge.[1]
1861.	**Jan. 31.**	Bounds between Belmont and West Cambridge established.
1862.	**Feb. 25.**	Bounds between Belmont and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1880.	**Apr. 19.**	Part annexed to Cambridge.
1891.	**Apr. 28.**	Bounds between Belmont and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1903.	**May 23.**	Bounds between Belmont and Watertown established.
1906.	**Feb. 16.**	Bounds between Belmont and Cambridge changed and established.
1911.	**Apr. 29.**	Bounds between Belmont and Watertown established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Belmont, Middlesex County—Continued.

1922.	Mar. 24.	Bounds between Belmont and Watertown established.
1938.	May 26.	Bounds between Belmont and Arlington established.
1938.	Oct. 3.	Act of May 26, 1938, took effect.
1939.	Mar. 22.	Bounds between Belmont and Waltham established.

Berkley, Bristol County.

1735.	Apr. 18.*	**Established as a town,** from parts of Dighton and Taunton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 741.)
1799.	Feb. 26.	Part of Dighton annexed.
1810.	Feb. 6.	Certain lands in Berkley belonging to Taunton annexed.
1842.	Mar. 3.	Certain lands in Berkley belonging to Taunton annexed.
1879.	Apr. 1.	Part of Taunton annexed.
1879.	Apr. 12.	Act of Apr. 1, 1879, accepted by the town and took effect.

Berlin, Worcester County.

1784.	Mar. 16.	Established as the district of Berlin from parts of Bolton and Marlborough.
1791.	Feb. 8.	Part of Lancaster annexed.
1806.	Feb. 15.	Bounds between the district of Berlin and Northborough established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1812.	Feb. 6.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Berlin.
1905.	May 1.	Bounds between Berlin and Marlborough; Berlin and Hudson; and Berlin and Clinton established.

Bernardston, Franklin County.

1762.	Mar. 6.	**Established as a town,** formerly the new plantation called "Falltown". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 530.)
1779.	Dec. 2.	Part annexed to Colrain.
1784.	Mar. 12.	Part established as the district of Leyden.
1838.	Apr. 14.	Part of Greenfield annexed.
1886.	May 7.	Part of Leyden annexed upon acceptance by the town.
1886.	June 7.	Act of May 7, 1886, accepted.

BEVERLY, Essex County.

1668.	Nov. 7.*	**Established as a town,** formerly part of Salem called "Basse Riuer". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 407.)
1679.	May 28.*	Bounds between Beverly and "the village" and Wenham established.
1753.	Sept. 11.	Part of Salem annexed.
1857.	Apr. 27.	Part annexed to Danvers.
1894.	Mar. 23.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1894.	May 1.	Act of Mar. 23, 1894, accepted by the town.

Billerica, Middlesex County.

1655.	May 29.*	Mentioned as a tract of land granted to "seuerall proprietors & inhabitants of Shawshin, . . . by the side of Concord Riuer, . . . plantacon to be called Billirikeyca." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 1, p. 237.)
1656.	May 14.*	". . . this Court doth graunt the toune of Billirrikey eight thousand acres of lands. . . ". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part I, p. 268.)
1657.	May 15.*	Lands of the Grant of May 14, 1656, laid out.
1658.	May 26.*	Bounds between "Billirikey" and Andover established.
1661.	May 22.*	Four thousand acres of land granted to Billerica.
1666.	Oct. 10.*	Bounds between Billerica and Woburn established.

Billerica, Middlesex County—Continued.

1669.	**Oct. 12.***	Bounds between Billerica and Woburn "shall stand as it doeth."
1701.	**June 27.***	Bounds between Billerica, Chelmsford and Concord established.
1729.	**Sept. 23.***	Part included in the new town of Bedford.
1733.	**June 13.***	Part annexed to Wilmington.
1734.	**Dec. 17.***	Part established as Tewksbury.
1737.	**Dec. 23.***	Bounds between Billerica and Wilmington established.
1741.	**July 28.***	Bounds between Billerica and Woburn established.
1767.	**Feb. 26.**	Part annexed to Bedford.
1780.	**Apr. 28.**	Part included in the district of Carlisle.

Blackstone, Worcester County.

1845.	**Mar. 25.**	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Mendon.
1916.	**May 1.**	Part established as Millville.

Blandford, Hampden County.

1741.	**Apr. 10.***	Established as a town, formerly "Suffield Equivalent Lands" ". . . commonly called Glasgow . . ." (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 1058.)
1809.	**Feb. 22.**	Bounds between Blandford and Russell, and Blandford and Chester established.
1810.	**June 13.**	Bounds between Blandford and Chester established.
1853.	**May 25.**	Part annexed to Norwich.

Bolton, Worcester County.

1738.	**June 24.***	**Established as a town,** from part of Lancaster. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 942.)
1784.	**Mar. 16.**	Part included in the new district of Berlin.
1829.	**Feb. 11.**	Part of Marlborough annexed.
1838.	**Mar. 16.**	Bounds between Bolton and Marlborough established.
1868.	**Mar. 20.**	Part annexed to Hudson.

BOSTON, Suffolk County.

1630.	**Sept. 7.***	First mentioned, "It is ordered, that Trimountaine shalbe called Boston . . ." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 75.)
1632.	**Nov. 7.***	". . . ordered, that the necke of land betwixte Powder Horne Hill & Pullen Poynte shall belonge to Boston, . . ." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 101.)
1633.	**Mar. 4*.**	Bounds between Boston and Roxbury established.
1634.	**May 14.***	". . . Boston shall haue convenient inlargem^{t} att Mount Wooliston, . . . & p^{r}sent it to the nexte Genall Court. . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 119.)
1634.	**Sept. 3.***	". . . ordered, that Wynetsem^{t} shall belonge to Boston, . . . as pte of that towne." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 125.)
1634.	**Sept. 25.***	". . . ordered, that Boston shall haue inlargem^{t} att Mount Woolliston & Rumney Marshe." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 130.)
1635.	**Mar. 4.***	Bounds between Boston and Dorchester, at Mount Woolliston to be determined.
1635.	**Mar. 4.***	"Deere Iland, Hogg Iland, Longe Ieland, & Spectakle Ieland are graunted . . . to Boston, . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 139.)
1635.	**July 8.***	Bounds between Boston and Charlestown established.
1635.	**July 8.***	Bounds to be set out between Boston and Saugus about Rumney Marsh.
1636.	**Mar. 28.***	Bounds between Boston and Charlestown, and Boston and Dorchester established.
1637.	**Mar. 9.***	"Nodles Iland" annexed.
1639.	**June 6.***	Bounds to be settled between Boston, Charlestown and Lynn

Boston, Suffolk County—Continued.

1640.	May	13.*	Part known as "Mount Woollaston" established as Braintree.
1641.	Oct.	7.*	Bounds between Boston and Roxbury, at Muddy River established.
1641.	Oct.	7.*	Bounds between Boston and Cambridge established.
1705.	Nov.	13.*	Part called Muddy River established as Brookline.
1739.	Jan.	10.*	Part called "Winnissimet", "Rumney Marsh", and "Pullin Point" (excepting Noddle's Island and Hog Island) established as Chelsea.
1804.	Mar.	6.	Part of Dorchester annexed.
1822.	Feb.	23.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1822.	Mar.	4.	Act of Feb. 23, 1822, accepted by the town.
1825.	Feb.	22.	Bounds between Boston and Brookline established.
1834.	Mar.	25.	Thompson's Island set off from Dorchester and annexed to Boston while it shall be used for charitable purposes.
1836.	Mar.	16.	Bounds between Boston and Roxbury established.
1837.	Apr.	19.	Bounds between Boston and Roxbury established.
1850.	May	3.	Part of Roxbury annexed and bounds established.
1855.	May	21.	Part of Dorchester annexed.
1860.	Apr.	3.	Part of Roxbury annexed and bounds established.
1860.	Apr.	16.	Act of April 3, 1860, accepted by Roxbury.
1860.	May	8.	Act of April 3, 1860, accepted by Boston.
1867.	June	1.	City of Roxbury[1] annexed.
1867.	Sept.	9.	Act of June 1, 1867, accepted by Boston and Roxbury.
1868.	Jan.	5.	Act of June 1, 1867, took effect.
1869.	June	4.	Dorchester[1] annexed to Boston.
1869.	June	22.	Act of June 4, 1869, accepted by Boston and Dorchester.
1870.	Jan.	3.	Act of June 4, 1869, took effect.
1870.	Apr.	2.	Bounds between Boston and West Roxbury established.
1870.	June	18.	Part of Brookline annexed.
1870.	Nov.	4.	Act of June 18, 1870, accepted by Boston and took effect.
1872.	Apr.	12.	Part of West Roxbury, known as Mount Hope Cemetery annexed.
1872.	Apr.	27.	Bounds between Boston and Brookline established.
1873.	May	14.	Charlestown[1] annexed.
1873.	May	21.	Brighton[1] annexed.
1873.	May	29.	West Roxbury[1] annexed.
1873.	Oct.	7.	Acts of May 14, 21 and 29, 1873, accepted by Boston and Charlestown, Boston and Brighton, Boston and West Roxbury.
1874.	Jan.	5.	Acts of May 14, 21 and 29, 1873, took effect.
1874.	May	8.	Part of Brookline annexed.
1874.	May	29.	Bounds between Boston and Newton established.
1875.	May	5.	Part annexed to Newton.
1875.	June	23.	Act of May 5, 1875, accepted by Newton.
1875.	July	1.	Act of May 5, 1875, took effect.
1890.	May	27.	Bounds between Boston and Brookline established.
1891.	May	4.	Bounds between Boston and Somerville esablished.
1894.	Apr.	13.	Bounds between Boston and Brookline established.
1898.	Mar.	29.	Bounds between Boston and Newton established.
1898.	Mar.	29.	Bounds between Boston and Cambridge established.
1898.	Apr.	1.	Bounds between Boston and Hyde Park established.
1898.	May	13.	Bounds between Boston and Newton established.
1910.	Mar.	29.	Bounds between Boston and Cambridge established.
1911.	May	24.	Hyde Park[1] annexed to Boston.
1911.	June	22.	Act of May 24, 1911, amended.
1911.	Nov.	7.	Act of May 24, 1911, as amended, accepted by Boston and Hyde Park.
1912.	Jan.	1.	Act of May 24, 1911, as amended, took effect.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Bourne, Barnstable County.

1884.	Apr. 2.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Sandwich.
1897.	Apr. 14.	Bounds between Bourne and Wareham established.

Boxborough, Middlesex County.

1783.	Feb. 25.	Incorporated as the district of Boxborough from parts of Harvard, Littleton and Stow.
1794.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between the district of Boxborough and Littleton established.
1835.	Nov. 4.	**Made a town,** formerly the district of Boxborough. (Revised Statutes)
1836.	May 1.	Act of Nov. 4, 1835, took effect.
1890.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Boxborough and Littleton established.
1906.	June 14.	Bounds between Boxborough and Harvard established.
1906.	June 15.	Bounds between Boxborough and Littleton established.

Boxford, Essex County.

1694.	Sept. 14.*	Boxford is mentioned in the tax act. (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 178.)
1701.	Feb. 25.*	Bounds between Boxford and Topsfield established.
1707.	Nov. 28.*	Bounds between Boxford and Topsfield established.
1728.	June 20.*	Part included in the new town of Middleton.
1808.	June 10.	Part of Rowley annexed.
1810.	June 13.	Part of Rowley annexed.
1825.	June 18.	Bounds between Boxford and Rowley established.
1846.	Mar. 7.	Part of Ipswich annexed.
1856.	Mar. 21.	Part annexed to Groveland.
1897.	Apr. 15.	Part annexed to Georgetown.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Boxford and North Andover established.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Boxford and Rowley established.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between Boxford and Middleton established.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between Boxford and Georgetown established.

Boylston, Worcester County.

1786.	Mar. 1.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Shrewsbury.
1808.	Jan. 30.	Part included in the new town of West Boylston.
1820.	Feb. 10.	Part annexed to West Boylston.
1820.	June 17.	Part annexed to West Boylston.
1905.	May 2.	Bounds between Boylston and West Boylston established.

Braintree, Norfolk County.

1640.	May 13.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Boston known as "Mount Woollaston". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 291.)
1712.	May 30.*	Blue Hill lands divided between Braintree and Milton.
1792.	Feb. 22.	Part included in the new town of Quincy.
1793.	Mar. 9.	Part incorporated as the town of Randolph, with a proviso that certain estates of remonstrants be allowed to remain in Braintree.
1811.	June 22.	The estates of Samuel Cheesman and Levi Thayer, remonstrants, under the act of Mar. 9, 1793, re-annexed to Randolph.
1856.	Apr. 24.	Part annexed to Quincy.
1903.	Mar. 11.	Bounds between Braintree and Holbrook established.

Brewster, Barnstable County.

1803.	Feb. 19.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Harwich, with a proviso that certain estates of the remonstrants be allowed to remain in Harwich.
1811.	June 21.	The Daniel Rogers estate in Harwich annexed to Brewster.
1848.	Apr. 25.	Part annexed to Harwich.

Brewster, Barnstable County—Continued.

1861.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Brewster and Orleans established.
1935.	June 20.	Bounds between Brewster and Orleans re-established.
1945.	July 12.	Bounds between Brewster and Dennis established.

Bridgewater, Plymouth County.

1656.	June 3.*	**Established as a town,** "Ordered, that henceforth Duxburrow New Plantation bee allowed to bee a townshipe of yt selfe, destinct from Duxburrow, and to bee called by the name of Bridgwater, . . .". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. III, p. 101.)
1662.	June 3.*	Certain land granted Bridgewater.
1675.	June 1.*	Boundary line established, Court ordered ". . . to Run the line between Bridgwater and Middlebery". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. XI, p. 241.)
1691.	Feb. 11.*	Lands between Bridgewater and Weymouth, called "Foords Farms", and parts adjacent annexed.
1712.	June 10.*	Part included in the new town of Abington.
1770.	Nov. 20.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1798.	Feb. 8.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1821.	June 15.	Part established as North Bridgewater.[1]
1822.	Feb. 16.	Part established as West Bridgewater.
1823.	June 14.	Part established as East Bridgewater.
1824.	Feb. 20.	Part annexed to Halifax.
1838.	Feb. 23.	Bounds between Bridgewater and East Bridgewater established.
1846.	Mar. 20.	Bounds between Bridgewater and East Bridgewater established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1931.	Apr. 21.	Bounds between Bridgewater and East Bridgewater established.

Brimfield, Hampden County.

1714.	June 10.*	Mentioned in petition to General Court, ". . . for the Township of Brinfield. . .". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 846.)
1722.	Aug. 16.*	Mentioned in a list of frontier towns. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 260.)
1731.	Dec. 24.*	**Established as a town.** The act of establishment has been lost. The bill was enacted by the House of Representatives, Dec. 23,* 1731 (House Journal 1730/31, p. 34.) by the Council, Dec. 24,* 1731 (Court Rec., Vol. 15, p. 201.)
1742.	Jan. 16.*	Part included in the new town of Western[1].
1760.	Apr. 23.	Part annexed to Palmer.
1760.	Apr. 28.	Part established as the district of Monson.
1762.	Sept. 18.	Part established as the district of South Brimfield[1].
1763.	Feb. 7.	Bounds definitely established.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County.

1874.	Mar. 28.	Act to authorize the town of North Bridgewater[1] to change its name.
1874.	May 5.	Name of Brockton adopted, under Act of Mar. 28, 1874.
1875.	Apr. 24.	Part annexed to South Abington and parts of East Bridgewater and South Abington annexed.
1881.	Apr. 9.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1881.	May 23.	Act of Apr. 9, 1881, accepted by the town.
1893.	May 8.	Part of West Bridgewater annexed, if the act is accepted by Brockton.
1893.	Nov. 7.	Act of May 8, 1893, accepted.
1894.	Mar. 1.	Act of May 8, 1893, took effect.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Brookfield, Worcester County.

1673.	Oct. 15.*	In answer to the petition of the inhabitants of "Quobauge" the Court granted ". . . the liberty & priuiledge of a touneship, and that the name thereof be Brookefeild, . . ." when forty or fifty families shall have settled there. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 568.)
1718.	Nov. 12.*	**Established as a town.** (Prov. Laws, Vol. IX, p. 620.)
1730.	Sept. 11.*	Bounds between Brookfield and Leicester established.
1742.	Jan. 16.*	Part included in the new town of Western.[1]
1751.	Jan. 31.*	Part included in the district of New Braintree.
1791.	June 10.	Bounds between Brookfield and New Braintree established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1792.	Mar. 8.	Bounds between Brookfield and New Braintree established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1812.	Feb. 28.	Part established as North Brookfield.
1823.	Feb. 8.	Part annexed to Ware.
1848.	Mar. 3.	Part established as West Brookfield.
1854.	Apr. 15.	Part of North Brookfield annexed.
1910.	Mar. 18.	Bounds between Brookfield and North Brookfield established.
1910.	May 13.	Bounds between Brookfield and West Brookfield established.
1920.	Mar. 24.	Part incorporated as East Brookfield.

Brookline, Norfolk County.

1705.	Nov. 13.*	**Established as a town,** formerly part of Boston called "Muddy River". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 737.)
1825.	Feb. 22.	Bounds between Brookline and Boston established.
1844.	Feb. 24.	Part of Roxbury annexed.
1870.	June 18.	Part annexed to Boston.
1870.	Nov. 4.	Act of June 18, 1870, accepted by Boston and took effect.
1872.	Apr. 27.	Bounds between Brookline and Boston established.
1874.	May 8.	Part annexed to Boston.
1890.	May 27.	Bounds between Brookline and Boston established.
1894.	Apr. 13.	Bounds between Brookline and Boston established.
1907.	Mar. 28.	Bounds between Brookline and Newton established.

Buckland, Franklin County.

1779.	Apr. 14.	**Incorporated as a town,** from the plantation called "No-town" and part of Charlemont. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 957.)
1838.	Apr. 14.	Part of Conway annexed.

Burlington, Middlesex County.

1799.	Feb. 28.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Woburn.
1800.	Jan. 20.	Part annexed to Lexington.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County.

1636.	Sept. 8.*	". . . Newe Towne[1], now called Cambridge." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 180.)
1638.	May 2.*	". . . . ordered, that Newetowne shall henceforward be called Cambrige." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 228.)
1639.	Mar. 13.*	Bounds between Cambridge and Watertown established.
1641.	Oct. 7.*	Bounds between Cambridge and Boston established.
1659.	Nov. 12.*	One thousand acres of land granted to Cambridge.
1664.	Oct. 19.*	The grant made Nov. 12, 1659, renewed.
1713.	Mar. 20.*	Part called "The Northern Precinct" established as Lexington.
1754.	Apr. 19.	Part of Watertown annexed and bounds established.
1755.	June 4.	Part annexed to Waltham.
1761.	Apr. 18.	Part annexed to Charlestown.

[1] See "Extinct Places"

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County—Continued.

1802.	Mar. 6.	Part of Charlestown annexed.
1807.	Feb. 24.	Part incorporated as Brighton[1].
1807.	Feb. 27.	Part incorporated as West Cambridge[1].
1816.	Jan. 27.	Part annexed to Brighton.
1818.	Feb. 12.	Part of Charlestown annexed.
1820.	June 17.	Part of Charlestown annexed.
1846.	Mar. 17.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1846.	Mar. 30.	Act of Mar. 17, 1846, accepted by the town.
1855.	Apr. 27.	Part of Watertown annexed.
1856.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Cambridge and Somerville established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1862.	Feb. 25.	Parts of Belmont and West Cambridge annexed. Parts annexed to Belmont and West Cambridge and bounds established.
1862.	Apr. 29.	Bounds between Cambridge and Somerville established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1880.	Apr. 19.	Part of Belmont annexed.
1885.	Mar. 10.	Part of Watertown annexed.
1891.	Apr. 28.	Bounds between Cambridge and Belmont established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1898.	Mar. 9.	Bounds between Cambridge and Watertown established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1898.	Mar. 29.	Bounds between Cambridge and Boston established.
1906.	Feb. 16.	Bounds between Cambridge and Belmont changed and established.
1910.	Mar. 29.	Bounds between Cambridge and Boston established.
1911.	May 5.	Bounds between Cambridge and Arlington established if accepted by the city council and selectmen.
1911.	May 22.	Act of May 5, 1911, accepted by selectmen of Arlington.
1911.	May 31.	Act of May 5, 1911, accepted by city council of Cambridge.
1922.	Mar. 24.	Bounds between Cambridge and Watertown established.

Canton, Norfolk County.

1797.	Feb. 23.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Stoughton.
1847.	Mar. 31.	Part annexed to Stoughton.
1899.	Mar. 24.	Bounds between Canton and Sharon established.

Carlisle, Middlesex County.

1780.	Apr. 28.	Incorporated as the district of Carlisle from parts of Acton, Billerica, Chelmsford and Concord. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 1189.)
1780.	Sept. 12.	Part of the district of Carlisle annexed to Concord.
1783.	Mar. 1.	Part of the district of Carlisle annexed to Chelmsford.
1805.	Feb. 18.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Carlisle.
1865.	Feb. 17.	Part of Chelmsford annexed and bounds established.
1903.	May 23.	Bounds between Carlisle and Concord established.

Carver, Plymouth County.

1790.	June 9.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Plympton.
1793.	Feb. 8.	Bounds between Carver and Plympton established.
1827.	Jan. 20.	Part annexed to Wareham.
1849.	Mar. 24.	Bounds between Carver and Middleborough established.
1901.	May 16.	Bounds between Carver and Wareham established.
1921.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Carver and Middleborough established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Charlemont, Franklin County.

1765.	June 21.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called Charlemont. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 816.)
1774.	Feb. 4.	Three thousand acres of land annexed.
1779.	Apr. 14.	Part included in the new town of Buckland.
1785.	Feb. 14.	Part included in the new town of Heath.
1793.	Mar. 19.	Certain tract of land between Charlemont and "North River" annexed.
1838.	Apr. 2.	Part of a tract of land called "Zoar" annexed.

Charlton, Worcester County.

1754.	Nov. 21.	"An Engross'd Bill, . . . setting off the Inhabitants as also the Estates of the Westerly part of Oxford, as also the Westerly part of the Country Gore, into a separate Town by the name _____. . .". (Court Rec., Vol. 20, p. 327.) The above engrossed bill is printed, as an act, in Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 781, in which appears the name of Charlton. However, on Jan. 6, 1755, the Secretary informed the House that his Excellency, the Governor, had not signed the bill, "erecting the Westerly Part of Oxford into a Town . . .". (House Journal, Jan. 6, 1775.)
1755.	Jan. 10.	"An Engrossed Bill . . . setting off the Inhabitants as also the Estates of the Westerly Part of Oxford into a separate District by the Name of _____. . .". (Court Rec., Vol. 20, p. 379.)
1757.	June 3.	Lands called "The Gore" annexed to the district of Charlton.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town by general act,** under which districts became towns.
1789.	Jan. 5.	Part annexed to Oxford.
1792.	June 26.	Part annexed to Sturbridge.
1809.	Feb. 23.	Part annexed to Oxford.
1816.	Feb. 15.	Part included in the new town of Southbridge.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Charlton and Oxford established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Charlton and Southbridge established.

Chatham, Barnstable County.

1712.	June 11.*	**Established as a town,** formerly a village or district of "Manamoit". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 806.)
1862.	Apr. 14.	Bounds between Chatham and Orleans, and Chatham and Harwich established.

Chelmsford, Middlesex County.

1655.	May 29.*	A new plantation "the name thereof to be called Chelmsford." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 1, p. 237.)
1656.	May 14.*	Certain lands granted to Chelmsford.
1660.	May 31.*	Bounds between Chelmsford and the Indian plantation at "Patucket" established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1701.	June 27.*	Bounds between Chelmsford and Billerica established.
1725.	Nov. 23.*	Part annexed to Littleton.
1726.	June 13.*	"Wameset" annexed.
1729.	Sept. 23.*	Part established as Westford.
1755.	Apr. 24.	Part annexed to Dunstable.
1780.	Apr. 28.	Part included in the district of Carlisle.
1783.	Mar. 1.	Part of the district of Carlisle annexed.
1826.	Mar. 1.	Part established as Lowell.
1865.	Feb. 17.	Part annexed to Carlisle and bounds established.
1874.	May 18.	Part annexed to Lowell.
1874.	June 23.	Act of May 18, 1874, accepted by Lowell.
1874.	Aug. 1.	Act of May 18, 1874, took effect.

CHELSEA, Suffolk County.

1739.	Jan. 10.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Boston, "called Winnissimet, Rumney Marsh and Pullin Point, or otherwise called number Thirteen (excepting only the said islands called Noddle's Island and Hog Island) . . ." (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 969.)
1841.	Feb. 22.	Part annexed to Saugus.
1846.	Mar. 19.	Part established as North Chelsea.[1]
1857.	Mar. 13.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1857.	Mar. 23.	Act of Mar. 13, 1857, accepted by the town.

Cheshire, Berkshire County.

1793.	Mar. 14.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of the towns of Adams, Lanesborough, Windsor and part of the district of New Ashford.
1794.	Feb. 26.	Part re-annexed to Windsor.
1798.	Feb. 6.	Part of district of New Ashford annexed.
1912.	May 28.	Bounds between Cheshire and New Ashford established.

Chester, Hampden County.

1783.	Feb. 21.	Name of the town of Murrayfield[1] changed to Chester.
1783.	Mar. 12.	Part included in the new town of Middlefield.
1799.	June 21.	Part annexed to Worthington.
1809.	Feb. 22.	Bounds between Chester and Blandford established.
1810.	June 13.	Bounds between Chester and Blandford established.
1853.	May 25.	Part annexed to Norwich.

Chesterfield, Hampshire County.

1762.	June 11.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the new plantation called "New Hingham." (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 573.)
1763.	Jan. 31.	Certain tract of land annexed.
1781.	May 14.	Part included in the new town of Goshen.
1789.	June 8.	Part of Goshen annexed.
1794.	Feb. 22.	Part of Norwich annexed.
1795.	June 24.	Bounds between Chesterfield and Goshen and Williamsburg established.
1797.	Feb. 7.	Bounds between Chesterfield and Goshen and Williamsburg established.
1810.	Feb. 16.	Bounds between Chesterfield and Goshen and Williamsburg established.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County.

1848.	Apr. 29.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Springfield.
1890.	Apr. 18.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1890.	May 6.	Act of April 18, 1890, accepted by the town.
1945.	May 7.	Bounds between Chicopee and Springfield established.
1946.	Oct. 15.	Act of May 7, 1945, took effect.

Chilmark, Dukes County.

1694.	Sept. 14.*	Mentioned in the tax act. (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 179.)
1696.	June 17.*	Mentioned as "the town of Chilmark". (Prov. Laws, Vol. VII, p. 118.)
1697.	Oct. 29.*	Tax act mentions "Chilmark"[e] alias the [manner] [mannor] of Tisbury . . . ". (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 303.)
1714.	Oct. 30.*	". . . all the Powers of a Town given & granted . . .", formerly "the Mannor of Tisbury commonly called Chilmark." (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 854.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Chilmark, Dukes County—Continued.

1716.	Nov. 30.*	Certain lands annexed—". . . all the Lands upon Martha's Vineyard lying to the Westward of the said Town . . . together with an Island call'd No Mans Land . . . Providing that it extend not to or take in any Part of the Gay Head Neck. . . .". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IX, p. 508.)
1855.	Mar. 9.	Bounds between Chilmark and the lands of the Indians of Gay Head to be established.
1856.	May 28.	Bounds between Chilmark and the lands of the Indians of Gay Head, as laid out under a resolve of Mar. 9, 1855, confirmed.
1864.	Mar. 17.	Part of Chilmark known as "Elizabeth Islands" established as Gosnold.
1882.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Chilmark and Tisbury established.
1896.	Mar. 25.	Bounds between Chilmark and Gay Head to be determined.
1897.	Apr. 29.	Bounds between Chilmark and Gay Head established.

Clarksburg, Berkshire County.

1798.	Mar. 2.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly a tract of land lying north of Adams.
1848.	May 2.	Part annexed to Florida.
1852.	May 20.	Part of Florida annexed.
1913.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Clarksburg and Florida established.

Clinton, Worcester County.

1850.	Mar. 14.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Lancaster.
1905.	May 1.	Bounds between Clinton and Berlin established.

Cohasset, Norfolk County.

1770.	Apr. 26.	Incorporated as a district by the name of Cohasset from part of Hingham. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 49.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1823.	June 14.	Part of Scituate annexed.
1840.	Mar. 20.	Bounds between Cohasset and Scituate established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1897.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Cohasset and Scituate established.
1897.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Cohasset and Hingham established.
1928.	Mar. 23.	Bounds between Cohasset and Hingham re-established.

Colrain, Franklin County.

1761.	June 30.	**Established as a town,** formerly the new plantation called Colrain. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 466.)
1772.	Apr. 22.	Gore of Province Land granted to Colrain.
1779.	Dec. 2.	Part of Bernardston annexed.
1911.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between Colrain and Leyden established.

Concord, Middlesex County.

1635.	Sept. 3.*	". . . shalbe a plantacon att Musketequid, . . . & the name of the place is changed, & hereafter to be called Concord." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 157.)
1638.	June 8.*	Bounds between Concord, Dedham and Watertown established.
1651.	May 13.*	Bounds between Concord and Watertown established.
1701.	June 27.*	Bounds between Concord and Billerica established.
1717.	Apr. 12.*	Bounds between Concord and Stow established.
1725.	Nov. 23.*	Part annexed to Littleton.
1729.	Sept. 23.*	Part included in the new town of Bedford.
1735.	July 3.*	Part included in the new town of Acton.
1747.	Dec. 11.*	Bounds between Concord and Acton established.
1754.	Apr. 19.	Part included in the new town of Lincoln.

Concord, Middlesex County—Continued.

1754.	Apr. 19.	Part made the district of Carlisle.[1]
1756.	Oct. 6.	The district of Carlisle annexed.
1780.	Apr. 28.	Part included in the district of Carlisle.
1780.	Sept. 12.	Part of the district of Carlisle annexed.
1903.	May 23.	Bounds between Concord and Carlisle established.

Conway, Franklin County.

1767.	June 17.	Established as the district of Conway from part of Deerfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 955.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1781.	Feb. 19.	Part of Shelburne annexed.
1785.	Feb. 9.	Part annexed to Goshen.
1791.	June 17.	Part of Deerfield annexed.
1811.	June 21.	Part of Deerfield annexed and bounds between Conway and Whately established.
1838.	Apr. 14.	Part annexed to Buckland.

Cummington, Hampshire County.

1779.	June 23.	**Established as a town,** from part of the plantation called "Number Five." (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 1072.)
1785.	Mar. 16.	Part established as the district of Plainfield.
1788.	Mar. 21.	Certain gore of land, of two thousand two hundred acres, and grants know as "Murrayfield Grant" and "Minot's Grant" annexed.
1794.	Feb. 4.	Part annexed to Plainfield.

Dalton, Berkshire County.

1784.	Mar. 20.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly "Ashuelet Equivalent."
1795.	Feb. 28.	Part of Windsor annexed.
1796.	Feb. 23.	Part of Windsor annexed.
1804.	June 21.	Part included in the new town of Hinsdale.

Danvers, Essex County.

1752.	Jan. 28.*	Established as a separate district, by the name of Danvers, from part of Salem known as the "Village and Middle parishes". (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 598.)
1757.	June 16.	". . . said district . . . erected into a township . . .". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 5.)
1759.	Aug. 10.	Act of June 16, 1757, disallowed by the privy council. (Side note, Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 5.) (The foot note shows this record taken from Public-Record Office, England.) Danvers was annually represented in the House of Representatives from and after the year 1758. (Journals of House of Representatives.) In
1772.	July 14.	this act Danvers is called a town. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 213.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1840.	Mar. 17.	Bounds between Danvers and Salem established.
1855.	May 18.	Part established as South Danvers.[1]
1856.	May 31.	Bounds between Danvers and South Danvers established.
1857.	Apr. 27.	Part of Beverly annexed.

Dartmouth, Bristol County.

1652.	Oct. 5.*	"The Rates of the seuerall Townes within this Jurisdiction . . . Dartmouth is to pay . . . ". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. III, p. 19.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Dartmouth, Bristol County—Continued.

1664.	June 8.*	**Established as a town.** ". . . all that tracte of land comonly called and knowne by the name of Acushena, Ponagansett and Coaksett . . . knowne by the name of Dartmouth." (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. IV, p. 65.)
1668.	June 3.*	Bounds of Dartmouth established.
1701.	June 13.*	Boundary line between town of Dartmouth, and the towns of Little Compton and Tiverton established.
1747.	Feb. 5.*	"The Remainder of Tiverton & the whole of Little Compton in this Province, . . ." annexed. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XIII, p. 685.)
1787.	Feb. 23.	Part established as New Bedford.
1787.	July 2.	Part established as Westport.
1793.	Feb. 25.	Part annexed to Westport.
1795.	Feb. 25.	Part annexed to Westport.
1805.	Mar. 4.	Part annexed to Westport.
1828.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Dartmouth and Westport established.
1831.	Feb. 19.	Bounds between Dartmouth and New Bedford established.
1845.	Mar. 20.	Part annexed to New Bedford.
1888.	May 3.	Part annexed to New Bedford.

Dedham, Norfolk County.

1636.	Sept. 8.*	". . . the plantation to bee setled above the falls of Charles Ryver, . . . to bee Deddam, . . ." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 179.)
1638.	May 16.*	Bounds between Dedham and Roxbury established.
1638.	May 17.*	Bounds between Dedham and Dorchester established.
1638.	June 8.*	Bounds between Dedham, Concord and Watertown established.
1639.	May 22.*	Bounds between Dedham and Watertown established.
1649.	Oct. 17.*	Land granted to Dedham for a village.
1650.	May 22.*	Part established as Medfield.
1651.	Oct. 30.*	Certain bounds changed as allowed by act of May 22,* 1639.
1675.	May 12.*	Bounds between Dedham and Roxbury established.
1701.	Oct. 18.*	Bounds between Dedham and Natick established.
1711.	Nov. 6.*	Part established as Needham.
1712.	Aug. 22.*	Bounds between Dedham and Needham established.
1714.	Nov. 3.*	Bounds between Dedham and Needham established.
1719.	Nov. 27.*	Part included in the new town of Bellingham.
1724.	Dec. 10.*	Part established as Walpole.
1733.	Apr. 25.*	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1737.	Dec. 10.*	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1738.	Dec. 11.*	Bounds between Dedham and Stoughton established.
1739.	June 7.*	Part annexed to Dorchester.
1780.	June 17.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1784.	Feb. 12.	Part of Walpole annexed.
1784.	July 7.	Part established as the district of Dover.
1791.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Dedham and Dover established.
1811.	June 21.	Part re-annexed to Walpole.
1831.	June 17.	Part annexed to Dorchester.
1852.	Apr. 21.	Part annexed to West Roxbury.
1852.	Apr. 30.	Act of Apr. 21, 1852, accepted by West Roxbury.
1852.	Apr. 30.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1853.	July 4.	Act of Apr. 21, 1852, took effect.
1868.	Apr. 22.	Part included in the new town of Hyde Park.
1868.	May 1.	Act of Apr. 22, 1868, amended and bounds established.
1872.	Feb. 23.	Part included in the new town of Norwood.
1897.	Apr. 2.	Part established as the town of Westwood.

Deerfield, Franklin County.

1677.	Oct. 22.*	". . . there being twenty persons taken from Hattfeild & Deerefield, . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 167.)
1678.	Oct. —.*	Provisions made for the encouragement of the rebuilding of the plantation of Deerfield. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V., p. 209.)
1712.	June 7.*	Bounds to extend nine miles from the river into the Western Woods.
1717.	Nov. 19.*	Grant of land seven miles square confirmed.
1741.	Aug. 3.*	Bounds of the grants made June 7,* 1712, and Nov. 19,* 1717, established.
1753.	June 9.	Part established as the district of Greenfield.
1764.	June 15.	Bounds between Deerfield and Huntstown established.
1767.	June 17.	Part established as the district of Conway.
1768.	June 21.	Part established as the district of Shelburne.
1791.	June 17.	Part annexed to Conway.
1810.	Mar. 5.	Part annexed to Whately.
1811.	June 21.	Part annexed to Conway and bounds established.
1896.	May 2.	Part annexed to Greenfield.

Dennis, Barnstable County.

1793.	June 19.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Yarmouth.
1945.	July 12.	Bounds between Dennis and Brewster and Dennis and Harwich established.
1947.	May 8.	Act of July 12, 1945, amended and bounds between Dennis and Harwich established.

Dighton, Bristol County.

1712.	May 30.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Taunton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 801.)
1735.	Apr. 18.*	Part included in the new town of Berkley.
1743.	Mar. 2.*	Bounds reported by a committee.
1745.	Jan. 8.*	Bounds established.
1799.	Feb. 26.	Part annexed to Berkley.
1814.	June 9.	Part established as Wellington.[1]
1824.	Feb. 12.	Bounds between Dighton and Wellington established and part annexed to Wellington.
1826.	Feb. 22.	Dighton and Wellington united as the town of Dighton. Act to take effect one year from date of passage.
1827.	June 16.	Town of Wellington revived to exist one year.
1828.	June 16.	Act of June 16, 1827, expired.
1854.	Apr. 4.	Part annexed to Somerset.

Douglas, Worcester County.

1746.	June 5.*	Mentioned in the records as a "District or Precinct to be called by the name of Douglas", formerly the district of "New Sherburn."[1] (Court Rec., Vol. 17-5, p. 434.)
1749.	Jan. 30.*	Act mentions district of Douglas.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1841.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Douglas and Webster established.
1864.	Apr. 25.	Bounds between Douglas and Uxbridge established.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Douglas and Sutton established.

Dover, Norfolk County.

1784.	July 7.	Incorporated into a district by the name Dover from part of Dedham.
1791.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between district of Dover and Dedham established.
1836.	Mar. 31.	**Made a town.**

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Dover, Norfolk County—Continued.

1836.	May 2.	Act of Mar. 31, 1836, accepted by the district.
1872.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Dover and Walpole established.
1903.	May 27.	Bounds between the town of Medfield and the towns of Dover, Walpole and Norfolk established.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Dover and Walpole established.
1927.	Mar. 28.	Bounds between Dover and Walpole established.

Dracut, Middlesex County.

1702.	Feb. 26.*	**Established as a town,** formerly a tract of land called Dracut. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 717.)
1851.	Feb. 28.	Part annexed to Lowell.
1874.	May 18.	Part annexed to Lowell.
1874.	June 23.	Act of May 18, 1874, accepted by Lowell.
1874.	Aug. 1.	Act of May 18, 1874, took effect.
1879.	Apr. 1.	Part annexed to Lowell.

Dudley, Worcester County.

1732.	Feb. 2.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Oxford and certain lands. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 626.)
1794.	June 25.	Part of a gore of land called "Middlesex Gore" annexed.
1816.	Feb. 15.	Part included in the new town of Southbridge.
1822.	Feb. 23.	Part annexed to Southbridge.
1832.	Mar. 6.	Part included in the new town of Webster.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Dudley and Southbridge established.

Dunstable, Middlesex County.

1673.	Oct. 17.*	Certain men granted the liberty to settle a plantation about Groton. Note in margin calls this tract, as described in the act, Dunstable. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 570.)
1680.	Oct. 13.*	"That the towne & companjes of . . . Dunstable, wth the troope . . . raysed in those tounes . . ." be another regiment commanded by Major Bulkley. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, 295.)
1733.	Jan. 4.*	Part established as Nottingham.[1]
1734.	July 4.*	Part included in the new town of Litchfield.[1]
1747.	June 8.*	Part of Groton annexed.
1747.	June 8.*	Part of Nottingham annexed.
1752.	Jan. 6.*	Part annexed to Groton.
1753.	June 7.	Part of Groton annexed.
1754.	June 14.	Part of Nottingham annexed.
1755.	Apr. 24.	Part of Chelmsford annexed.
1789.	June 22.	Part established as the district of Tyngsborough.
1792.	Mar. 3.	Part annexed to the district of Tynsborough.
1793.	Feb. 25.	Part of Groton annexed.
1796.	Jan. 26.	Part of Groton annexed.
1798.	Jan. 29.	Part annexed to the district of Tyngsborough and bounds established.
1803.	June 18.	Part of Groton annexed.
1814.	June 10.	Bounds between Dunstable and Tynsborough established.
1820.	Feb. 15.	Bounds between Dunstable and Groton established.

Duxbury, Plymouth County.

1637.	June 7.*	". . . Ducksborrow shall become a towneship, . . . and to have the p^{r}veledges of a towne . . .". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. I, p. 62.)
1641.	Mar. 2.*	Bounds established.
1656.	June 3.*	Part called the "Duxburrow New Plantation" established as Bridgewater.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Duxbury, Plymouth County—Continued.

1658.	Mar. 2.*	"Namassakeesett," annexed.
1661.	Mar. 5.*	Certain tract of land granted to Duxbury and Marshfield.
1670.	July 5.*	Bounds between Duxbury and the "Major's Purchase" established.
1678.	June 5.*	Bounds established.
1683.	Feb. 23.*	Bounds between Duxbury and Marshfield established.
1712.	Mar. 21.*	Part included in the new town of Pembroke.
1813.	June 14.	Bounds between Duxbury and Marshfield established.
1857.	Apr. 14.	Part annexed to Kingston.

East Bridgewater, Plymouth County.

1823.	June 14.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Bridgewater.
1838.	Feb. 23.	Bounds between East Bridgewater and Bridgewater established.
1846.	Mar. 20.	Bounds between East Bridgewater and Bridgewater established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1857.	Apr. 11.	Part of Halifax annexed and bounds established.
1875.	Mar. 4.	Part included in the new town of South Abington.[1]
1875.	Apr. 24.	Part annexed to Brockton.
1931.	Apr. 21.	Bounds between East Bridgewater and Bridgewater established.

East Brookfield, Worcester County.

1920.	Mar. 24.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Brookfield.

East Longmeadow, Hampden County.

1894.	May 19.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Longmeadow.
1894.	July 1.	Act of May 19, 1894, took effect.
1928.	Mar. 1.	Part annexed to Springfield.

Eastham, Barnstable County.

1651.	June 7.*	"That the Towne of Nawsett[1] be henceforth called and knowne by the name of Eastham . . .". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. XI, p. 59.)
1678.	Mar. 5.*	Eastham and purchasers on both sides to settle the bounds.
1763.	June 16.	Part established as the district of Wellfleet.
1772.	July 14.	Part of Harwich annexed.
1797.	Mar. 3.	Part established as Orleans.
1839.	Mar. 9.	Part annexed to Orleans.
1847.	Apr. 26.	Part annexed to Wellfleet.
1867.	Mar. 23.	Bounds between Eastham and Orleans established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1887.	May 6.	Bounds between tidewaters of Eastham and Wellfleet established.

Easthampton, Hampshire County.

1785.	June 17.	Incorporated into a district by the name of Easthampton, from parts of Northampton and Southampton.
1809.	June 16.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Easthampton.
1828.	Feb. 1.	Bounds between Easthampton and Southampton established.
1841.	Mar. 13.	Part of Southampton annexed.
1850.	Apr. 4.	Part of Southampton annexed.
1862.	Feb. 21.	Bounds between Easthampton and Southampton established.
1872.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Easthampton and Westhampton established.
1914.	Apr. 21.	Bounds between Easthampton and Northampton established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Easton, Bristol County.

1725.	Dec. 21.*	**Established as a town,** from half of that tract of land of Norton called the "Taunton North Purchase." (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 368.)

Edgartown, Dukes County.

1671.	July 8.*	"Edgar: Towne", formerly known as "great Harbour", mentioned. (New York Original Books of Letters Patent, Vol. IV, p. 80.)
1691.	Oct. 7.*	The Province Charter grants the Isles of Capawock [alias Martha's Vineyard] and Nantucket to the Province of Massachusetts. (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, pp. 9 and 73.)
1830.	Feb. 5.	Bounds between Edgartown and Tisbury established.
1862.	Apr. 23.	Bounds between Edgartown and Tisbury established.
1880.	Feb. 17.	Part established as Cottage City.[1]
1937.	May 5.	Bounds between Edgartown and Oak Bluffs re-established.

Egremont, Berkshire County.

1760.	Feb. 13.	Established as the district of Egremont, from certain lands lying west of Sheffield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 286.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1790.	Feb. 6.	Bounds between Egremont and Alford established.
1790.	Feb. 22.	Part of Sheffield annexed.
1817.	June 17.	Bounds between Egremont and Mount Washington established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1824.	Feb. 16.	Part of Sheffield annexed.
1869.	June 4.	Bounds between Egremont and Sheffield established.

Erving, Franklin County.

1838.	Apr. 17.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the tract of land called "Erving's Grant."
1841.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Erving and Orange established.
1860.	Feb. 10.	Part of Northfield called "Hack's Grant" annexed.

Essex, Essex County.

1819.	Feb. 15.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Ipswich.
1892.	Apr. 19.	Boundary lines in tidewater between Essex and Gloucester, and Essex and Ipswich established.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Essex and Hamilton established.

EVERETT, Middlesex County.

1870.	Mar. 9.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Malden.
1875.	Apr. 20.	Part annexed to Medford.
1892.	June 11.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1892.	July 19.	Act of June 11, 1892, took effect.

Fairhaven, Bristol County.

1812.	Feb. 22.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of New Bedford.
1815.	June 15.	Part of Freetown annexed.
1836.	Apr. 9.	Part of Rochester annexed and bounds established.
1860.	Feb. 13.	Part established as Acushnet.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County.

1803.	Feb. 26.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Freetown.
1804.	June 18.	Name changed to Troy.[1]
1834.	Feb. 12.	Name changed from Troy to Fall River.
1854.	Apr. 12.	**Incorporated as a city.**

[1] See "Extinct Places".

FALL RIVER, Bristol County—Continued.

1854.	Apr. 22.	Act of April 12, 1854, accepted by the town.
1861.	Apr. 10.	Certain lands on the east side of Mount Hope Bay annexed by the change of the bounds of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
1894.	June 14.	Bounds between Fall River and Westport located and defined.

Falmouth, Barnstable County.

1694.	Sept. 14.*	Mentioned in the tax act. (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 178.)
1735.	Nov. 28.*	Bounds between Falmouth and lands of the proprietors of Mashpee confirmed.
1841.	Mar. 17.	A tract of land formerly in the plantation of Marshpee annexed.
1880.	Mar. 19.	Bounds between Falmouth and Sandwich established.
1885.	June 18.	Bounds between Falmouth and Mashpee established.

FITCHBURG, Worcester County.

1764.	Feb. 3.	**Established as a town,** from part of Lunenburg. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 685.)
1767.	Mar. 6.	Part included in the new town of Ashby.
1783.	Feb. 26.	Certain land, formerly assessed by Westminster, annexed.
1796.	Feb. 27.	Part annexed to Westminster.
1813.	Feb. 16.	Part annexed to Westminster.
1829.	Mar. 3.	Part annexed to Ashby.
1872.	Mar. 8.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1872.	Apr. 8.	Act of Mar. 8, 1872, accepted by the town.
1925.	Feb. 24.	Bounds between Fitchburg and Leominster established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1941.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Fitchburg and Leominster established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1941.	Oct. 27.	Act of Feb. 27, 1941, amended.
1941.	Dec. 27.	Act of Feb. 27, 1941, as amended, took effect.
1943.	June 3.	Bounds as established by Act of Feb. 27, 1941, struck out and bounds established between Fitchburg and Leominster and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1943.	June 16.	Act of June 3, 1943, took effect.

Florida, Berkshire County.

1805.	June 15.	**Incorporated as a town,** from "Barnardstone's Grant" and part of "Bullock's Grant."
1848.	May 2.	Part of Clarksburg annexed.
1852.	May 20.	Part annexed to Clarksburg.
1913.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Florida and Clarksburg established.

Foxborough, Norfolk County.

1778.	June 10.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Stoughton, Stoughtonham[1], Walpole and Wrentham. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 875.)
1793.	Mar. 12.	Parts of Sharon and Stoughton annexed and bounds established.
1819.	Feb. 3.	Bounds between Foxborough and Wrentham established.
1831.	Feb. 7.	Part of Wrentham annexed.
1833.	Jan. 30.	Bounds between Foxborough and Sharon established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1833.	Mar. 27.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1834.	Mar. 28.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1850.	Feb. 28.	Part of Sharon annexed.
1903.	May 23.	Bounds between Foxborough and Norfolk and Foxborough and Walpole established.
1937.	Mar. 29.	Bounds between Foxborough and Walpole established

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Framingham, Middlesex County.

1675.	Oct. 13.*	Mentioned in the tax act as "Fremingham." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 56.)
1700.	June 24.*	**Established as a town**—"That the said Plantation called Framingham be from henceforth a Township . . ." (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 701.)
1700.	July 5.*	Certain lands annexed.
1700.	July 11.*	Part of Sherborn annexed.
1701.	July 13.*	Bounds between Framingham and Sudbury established.
1710.	June 16.*	Bounds between Framingham and Sherborn established.
1786.	Mar. 7.	Part annexed to Southborough.
1791.	Feb. 23.	Part annexed to Marlborough.
1833.	Feb. 11.	Part of Holliston annexed.
1846.	Mar. 16.	Part included in the new town of Ashland.
1871.	Apr. 22.	Part of Natick annexed.
1924.	Apr. 12.	Part of Sherborn annexed, if the act is accepted by the town of Sherborn.
1925.	Jan. 1.	Act of April 12, 1924, took effect.

Franklin, Norfolk County.

1778.	Mar. 2.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Wrentham. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 775.)
1792.	June 25.	Part of Medway annexed.
1792.	Nov. 13.	Bounds between Franklin and Medway established.
1832.	Feb. 23.	Bounds between Franklin and Bellingham, and Franklin and Medway established.
1839.	Mar. 13.	Bounds between Franklin and Medway established and part annexed to Medway.
1870.	Feb. 23.	Part included in the new town of Norfolk.
1941.	Oct. 9.	Bounds between Franklin and Bellingham established.
1941.	Dec. 9.	Act of October 9, 1941, took effect.

Freetown, Bristol County.

1683.	July —.*	**Established as a town,** ". . . . the inhabitants of the freemens land att the Fall Riuer, shalbe a townshipp, . . . and be henceforth called by the name of Freetowne." (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. VI, p. 113.)
1700.	June 17.*	Bounds between Freetown and Tiverton established.
1713.	June 3.*	Bounds between Freetown and Tiverton established.
1747.	Feb. 5.*	Certain parts of Tiverton in this province annexed.
1803.	Feb. 26.	Part established as Fall River.
1815.	June 15.	Part annexed to Fairhaven.

GARDNER, Worcester County.

1785.	June 27.	**Established as a town,** from parts of Ashburnham, Templeton, Westminster and Winchendon.
1787.	Mar. 2.	Part annexed to Winchendon.
1794.	Feb. 22.	Part of Winchendon annexed.
1815.	Feb. 16.	Part annexed to Ashburnham.
1851.	May 24.	Part of Winchendon annexed.
1908.	Apr. 17.	Bounds between Gardner and Winchendon established.
1908.	Apr. 17.	Bounds between Gardner and Westminster established.
1921.	Mar. 15.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1922.	Mar. 6.	Act of Mar. 15, 1921, accepted by the town.

Gay Head, Dukes County.

1855.	Mar. 9.	Bounds between the lands of the Indians of Gay Head and Chilmark to be established.
1856.	May 28.	Bounds between Chilmark and the land of the Indians of Gay Head, as laid out under the resolve of Mar. 9, 1855, confirmed.

Gay Head, Dukes County—Continued.

1863.	Mar. 30.	Mentioned in this resolve—". . . the Indian district of Gay Head, . . ."
1870.	Apr. 30.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Gay Head.
1896.	Mar. 25.	Bounds between Gay Head and Chilmark to be determined.
1897.	Apr. 29.	Bounds between Gay Head and Chilmark established.

Georgetown, Essex County.

1838.	Apr. 21.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Rowley.
1897.	Apr. 15.	Part of Boxford annexed.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between Georgetown and Boxford established.

Gill, Franklin County.

1793.	Sept. 28.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Greenfield.
1795.	Feb. 28.	Part of Northfield annexed.
1805.	Mar. 14.	Island called "Great Island" annexed.
1806.	Apr. 1.	Act of March 14. 1805, took effect.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County.

1642.	May 18.*	"Cape Ann[1] is to bee, called Gloscester . . ." . (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 2.)
1672.	May 15.*	Bounds between Gloucester and Manchester established.
1840.	Feb. 27.	Part established as Rockport.
1873.	Apr. 28.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1873.	May 15.	Act of April 28, 1873, accepted by the town.
1892.	Apr. 19.	Boundary lines in tide water between Gloucester and Essex and Ipswich established.
1902.	May 6.	Bounds between Gloucester and Manchester to be established.
1903.	Aug. 25.	Bounds, as established under act of May 6, 1902, confirmed by the Supreme Judicial Court.

Goshen, Hampshire County.

1781.	May 14.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Chesterfield and the plantation called "Chesterfield Gore."
1785.	Feb. 9.	Part of Conway annexed.
1789.	June 8.	Part annexed to Chesterfield.
1795.	June 24.	Bounds between Goshen and Chesterfield and Williamsburg established.
1797.	Feb. 7.	Bounds between Goshen and Chesterfield and Williamsburg established.
1810.	Feb. 16.	Bounds between Goshen and Chesterfield and Williamsburg established.

Gosnold, Dukes County.

1864.	Mar. 17.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Chilmark known as "Elizabeth Islands."

Grafton, Worcester County.

1735.	Apr. 18.*	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation at "Hassanamisco". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 743.)
1737.	June 10.*	Part of Sutton annexed.
1742.	Jan. 9.*	Parts of Sutton and Shrewsbury annexed.
1823.	June 14.	Gore of land annexed.
1826.	Mar. 3.	Part of Shrewsbury annexed.
1842.	Mar. 3.	Part of Sutton annexed.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Grafton and Worcester established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Grafton and Shrewsbury established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Grafton and Westborough established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Granby, Hampshire County.

1768.	June 11.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of South Hadley. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 1011.)
1781.	June 28.	Bounds between Granby and South Hadley established.
1792.	Mar. 9.	Part of South Hadley annexed.
1824.	June 12.	Bounds between Granby and South Hadley established.
1826.	June 20.	Bounds between Granby and South Hadley established.
1827.	June 16.	Bounds between Granby and South Hadley established.

Granville, Hampden County.

1754.	Jan. 25.	Established as the district of Granville from a tract of land called "Bedford". (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 712.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1810.	June 14.	Part established as Tolland.

Great Barrington, Berkshire County.

1761.	June 30.	**Established as a town,** from part of Sheffield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 465.)
1773.	Feb. 16.	Part included in the new district of Alford.
1773.	Feb. 16.	Lands adjoining annexed.
1777.	Oct. 21.	Part included in the new town of Lee.
1779.	Feb. 11.	Part annexed to Alford.
1819.	Feb. 18.	Part annexed to Alford.

Greenfield, Franklin County.

1753.	June 9.	Established as the district of Greenfield from part of Deerfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 671.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1793.	Sept. 28.	Part established as Gill.
1838.	Apr. 14.	Part annexed to Bernardston.
1896.	May 2.	Part of Deerfield annexed.

Groton, Middlesex County.

1655.	May 23.*	The Court granted a plantation to be ". . . called Groaten, . . . formerly knowne by the name of Petapawoge . . . appoynted the select men for the sd towne, . . ." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. III, p. 388.)
1714.	Nov. 2.*	Order that bounds be established between Groton and Nashoba.
1715.	June 14.*	Bounds between Groton and Nashoba established.
1730.	Sept. 10.*	Part annexed to Westford.
1732.	June 29.*	Part included in the new town of Harvard.
1739.	Jan. 4.*	Part annexed to Littleton.
1743.	Feb. 27.*	Bounds between Groton and Littleton established.
1747.	June 8.*	Part annexed to Dunstable.
1752.	Jan. 6.*	Part of Dunstable annexed.
1753.	Jan. 5.	Part established as the district of Shirley.
1753.	Apr. 12.	Part established as the district of Pepperell.
1753.	June 7.	Part annexed to Dunstable.
1793.	Feb. 25.	Part annexed to Dunstable.
1796.	Jan. 26.	Part annexed to Dunstable.
1798.	Feb. 6.	Part annexed to Shirley.
1803.	Feb. 3.	Part of Pepperell annexed.
1803.	June 18.	Part annexed to Dunstable.
1820.	Feb. 15.	Bounds between Groton and Dunstable established.
1857.	May 18.	Part annexed to Pepperell.
1871.	Feb. 14.	Part included in the new town of Ayer.

Groveland, Essex County.

1850.	Mar. 8.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Bradford.[1]

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Groveland, Essex County—Continued.

1856.	Mar. 21.	Part of Boxford annexed.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between Groveland and West Newbury established.

Hadley, Hampshire County.

1661.	May 22.*	**Established as a town.** ". . . . ordered by this Court, that the sd toune shall be called Hadley . . .", formerly the new plantation near Northampton. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 11.)
1663.	Oct. 21.*	Bounds established.
1664.	May 18.*	One thousand acres of land granted to Hadley.
1670.	May 31.*	Part established as Hatfield.
1673.	May 7.*	Certain lands granted for a new plantation.
1683.	May 16.*	Certain lands granted to Hadley.
1715.	Nov. 25.*	Grant of May 16*, 1683, confirmed.
1740.	Jan. 2.*	Bounds between Hadley and Sunderland established.
1753.	Apr. 12.	Part established as the district of South Hadley.
1759.	Feb. 13.	Part established as the district of Amherst.
1789.	Jan. 15.	Part annexed to Amherst.
1811.	Feb. 28.	Part annexed to Amherst.
1812.	Feb. 18.	Part annexed to Amherst.
1814.	Feb. 17.	Part annexed to Amherst.
1815.	Mar. 1.	Bounds between Hadley and Amherst established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1850.	Apr. 15.	Part annexed to Northampton.

Halifax, Plymouth County.

1734.	July 4.*	**Established as a town,** from parts of Middleborough, Pembroke and Plympton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 717.)
1824.	Feb. 20.	Part of Bridgewater annexed.
1831.	Mar. 16.	Part of Plympton annexed.
1857.	Apr. 11.	Part annexed to East Bridgewater and bounds established.
1863.	Feb. 6.	Bounds between Halifax and Plympton established and part of each town annexed to the other town.

Hamilton, Essex County.

1793.	June 21.	**Incorporated as a town,** from that part of Ipswich known as "Ipswich Hamlet".
1896.	June 5.	Bounds between Hamilton and Ipswich established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Hamilton and Ipswich established.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Hamilton and Essex established.
1905.	May 1.	Bounds between Hamilton and Wenham established.

Hampden, Hampden County.

1878.	Mar. 28.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Wilbraham.

Hancock, Berkshire County.

1776.	July 2.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Jericho". (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 550.)
1798.	June 26.	Part annexed to the district of New Ashford.
1851.	May 20.	Bounds between Hancock and New Ashford established.

Hanover, Plymouth County.

1727.	June 14.*	**Established as a town,** from parts of Abington and Scituate. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 429.)
1835.	Mar. 6.	Bounds between Hanover and Pembroke established.
1857.	May 15.	Bounds between Hanover and South Scituate established.

Hanover, Plymouth County—Continued.

1878.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Hanover and South Scituate established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1787.	Mar. 23.	Bounds between Hanover and Rockland established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1885.	Apr. 23.	Bounds between Hanover and Pembroke established.

Hanson, Plymouth County.

1820.	Feb. 22.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Pembroke.
1903.	Apr. 3.	Bounds between Hanson and Pembroke established.

Hardwick, Worcester County.

1739.	Jan. 10.*	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Lambstown". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 971.)
1751.	Jan. 31.*	Part of Hardwick included in the district of New Braintree.
1756.	June 9.	Bounds between Hardwick and Greenwich established.
1765.	Feb. 5.	Part annexed to Hardwick.
1801.	Feb. 18.	Part included in the new town of Dana[1].
1814.	June 10.	Part of New Braintree annexed.
1831.	Feb. 7.	Gore of unincorporated land annexed.
1833.	Feb. 6.	Land called "Hardwick Gore" annexed.
1842.	Feb. 4.	Part annexed to Dana.
1927.	Apr. 26.	Part of Greenwich annexed.
1938.	Apr. 26.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	Apr. 28.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Harvard, Worcester County.

1732.	June 29.*	**Established as a town,** from parts of Groton, Lancaster and Stow. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 644.)
1783.	Feb. 25.	Part included in the new district of Boxborough.
1906.	June 14.	Bounds between Harvard and Littleton established.
1906.	June 14.	Bounds between Harvard and Boxborough established.

Harwich, Barnstable County.

1694.	Sept. 14.*	**Established as a town,** formerly a tract of land called "Satuckett". (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 181.)
1772.	July 14.	Part annexed to Eastham.
1803.	Feb. 19.	Part established as Brewster, with a proviso that certain estates of remonstrants be allowed to remain in Harwich.
1811.	June 21.	The Daniel Rogers estate in Harwich annexed to Brewster.
1848.	Apr. 25.	Part of Brewster annexed.
1862.	Apr. 4.	Bounds between Harwich and Orleans established.
1862.	Apr. 14.	Bounds between Harwich and Chatham established.
1945.	July 12.	Bounds between Harwich and Dennis established.
1947.	May 8.	Act of July 12, 1945, amended and bounds between Harwich and Dennis established.

Hatfield, Hampshire County.

1670.	May 31.*	**Established as a town,** ". . . and that this toune be called Hattfeilds.", from part of Hadley. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 460.)
1672.	Oct. 9.*	Bounds established.
1695.	Nov. 26.*	Certain tract of land annexed.
1720.	Nov. 12.*	Bounds between Hatfield and Northampton established.
1771.	Apr. 24.	Part established as Whately.
1771.	Apr. 24.	Part included in the new district of Williamsburg.
1845.	Mar. 14.	Bounds between Hatfield and Williamsburg established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1846.	Mar. 19.	Bounds between Hatfield and Williamsburg established and part of each town annexed to the other town.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

HAVERHILL, Essex County.

1641.	June 2.*	Certain men appointed ". . . to set out the bounds between Salsberry & Pantucket ali: Haverell. They are to determine the bounds . . ." to be enjoyed as a "towne or village". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 319.)
1643.	May 10.*	"The whole plantation . . . is divided into four sheires . . .". The name of Haverhill appears in one of the shires. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol II, p. 38.)
1650.	May 23.*	An island in the Merrimack River is granted to Haverhill unless some person proves a clear title to it within three years.
1651.	Oct. 30.*	Bounds established.
1654.	Nov. 1.*	Bounds between Haverhill and Salisbury established.
1664.	May 18.*	Bounds between Haverhill and "lands of Maj Gen'l Dennison established". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 105.)
1667.	May 15.*	Bounds between Haverhill and Salisbury-new-town established.
1675.	May 12.*	Bounds established.
1725.	Dec. 8.*	Part included in the new town of Methuen.
1869.	Mar. 10.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1869.	May 15.	Act of Mar. 10, 1869, accepted by the town.
1896.	May 4.	Bradford[1] annexed, if the act is accepted by both places.
1896.	Nov. 3.	Act of May 4, 1896, accepted by Haverhill and Bradford.
1897.	Jan. 4.	Act of May 4, 1896, took effect.

Hawley, Franklin County.

1792.	Feb. 6.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Number Seven".
1793.	Mar. 9.	That part of the plantation Number Seven which through inadvertence in the description of the bounds was omitted in the act of Feb. 6, 1792, is now annexed.
1803.	June 21.	Part annexed to the district of Plainfield.

Heath, Franklin County.

1785.	Feb. 14.	**Incorporated as a town,** from a certain tract of land called "Green and Walker's land" and part of Charlemont.

Hingham, Plymouth County.

1635.	Sept. 2.*	"The name of Barecove[1] is changed & hereafter to be called Hingham." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 156.)
1635.	Sept. 3.*	Bounds between Hingham and Weymouth established.
1640.	May 13.*	Land at "Conihasset" granted to Hingham.
1770.	Apr. 26.	Part established as the district of Cohasset.
1861.	Mar. 21.	Bounds between Hingham and Abington established.
1897.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Hingham and Cohasset established.
1897.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Hingham and Scituate established.
1897.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Hingham and Norwell established.
1928.	Mar. 23.	Bounds between Hingham and Cohasset re-established.

Hinsdale, Berkshire County.

1804.	June 21.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Partridgefield[1] and Dalton.
1912.	Feb. 28.	Bounds between Hinsdale and Peru established.

Holbrook, Norfolk County.

1872.	Feb. 29.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Randolph.
1889.	Apr. 16.	Part annexed to Avon.
1903.	Mar. 11.	Bounds between Holbrook and Braintree established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Holden, Worcester County.

1741.	Jan. 9.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Worcester called "North Worcester". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 1043.)
1793.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Holland and Paxton established.
1804.	Feb. 13.	Part annexed to Paxton.
1808.	Jan. 30.	Part included in the new town of West Boylston.
1831.	Mar. 19.	Part of Paxton annexed.
1838.	Apr. 9.	Part annexed to Paxton.
1906.	Mar. 13.	Bounds between Holden and Paxton established.

Holland, Hampden County.

1783.	July 5.	Incorporated as the district of Holland from part of South Brimfield.[1]
1796.	Feb. 8.	Bounds between district of Holland and South Brimfield established.
1835.	Nov. 4.	**Made a town,** formerly the district of Holland. (Revised Statutes.)
1836.	May 1.	Act of Nov. 4, 1835, took effect.

Holliston, Middlesex County.

1724.	Dec. 3.*	**Established as a town,** from part of "Sherburn". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 340.)
1744.	Dec. 22.*	Bounds between Holliston and Hopkinton established.
1781.	Apr. 28.	Part of Hopkinton annexed.
1829.	Mar. 3.	Bounds between Holliston and Medway established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1833.	Feb. 11.	Part annexed to Framingham.
1835.	Mar. 27.	Part annexed to Milford and bounds between Holliston, Hopkinton and Milford established.
1846.	Mar. 16.	Part included in the new town of Ashland.
1859.	Apr. 1.	Bounds between Holliston and Milford established.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County.

1850.	Mar. 14.	**Incorporated as a town** from part of West Springfield.
1873.	Apr. 7.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1873.	May 29.	Act of Apr. 7, 1873, accepted by the town.
1909.	June 9.	Part of Northampton annexed.

Hopedale, Worcester County.

1886.	Apr. 7.	**Incorporated as a town** from part of Milford.

Hopkinton, Middlesex County.

1715.	Dec. 13.*	**Incorporated as a town,** from tract of land called "Moguncoy" and a quantity of country land adjoining. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IX, p. 440.)
1735.	June 14*.	Part included in the new town of Upton.
1744.	Dec. 22.*	Bounds between Hopkinton and Holliston established.
1781.	Apr. 28.	Part annexed to Holliston.
1808.	Mar. 8.	Part annexed to Upton.
1835.	Mar. 27.	Part annexed to Milford, part of Milford annexed and bounds between Hopkinton, Holliston, and Milford established.
1846.	Mar. 16.	Part included in the new town of Ashland.
1853.	Apr. 28.	Part of Ashland to be annexed upon payment of a certain sum of money by Hopkinton.
1853.	May 2.	Act of Apr. 28, 1853, took effect.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Hopkinton and Milford established.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Hopkinton and Upton established.

Hubbardston, Worcester County.

1767.	June 13.	Incorporated into a district by the name of Hubbardston, from part of Rutland. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, 953.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Hubbardston, Worcester County—Continued.

1810.	Feb. 16.	Part annexed to Princeton.

Hudson, Middlesex County.

1866.	Mar. 19.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Marlborough and Stow.
1868.	Mar. 20.	Part of Bolton annexed.
1905.	May 1.	Bounds between Hudson and Berlin established.
1905.	May 24.	Bounds between Hudson and Stow established.

Hull, Plymouth County.

1644.	May 29.*	"It is ordered, that Nantascot shall be called Hull." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 74.)
1647.	May 26.*	Certain qualified men authorized to ". . . carry on ye affaires of ye town . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, 189.)
1662.	May 7.*	". . . Bruisters Islands . . . adjudged by this Court to belong to the toune of Hull . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 56.)
1663.	June 12.*	". . . Breusters Islands . . . knoune by the name of Brewsters Islands, doe of right belong unto the inhabitants of Hull." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 81.)

Huntington, Hampshire County.

1855.	Mar. 9.	The name of the town of Norwich[1] changed to Huntington.

Ipswich, Essex County.

1634.	Aug. 5.*	"It is ordered, that Aggawam shalbe called Ipswitch." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 123.)
1642.	May 3.*	Bounds between Ipswich, Cape Ann, and Jefferies Creeke established.
1648.	Oct. 18.*	Part of Ipswich called "the village at the newe medowes" named "Toppesfield."
1649.	May 4.*	Two-fifths of Plum Island granted to Ipswich.
1694.	Feb. 28.*	Bounds between Ipswich and Topsfield established.
1774.	Feb. 16.	Part annexed to Topsfield.
1785.	Nov. 29.	Part annexed to Rowley.
1793.	June 21.	Part established as Hamilton.
1819.	Feb. 15.	Part established as Essex.
1846.	Mar. 7.	Part annexed to Boxford.
1892.	Apr. 19.	Boundary lines in tide-water between Ipswich and Essex, and Ipswich and Gloucester established.
1896.	June 5.	Bounds between Ipswich and Hamilton established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Ipswich and Hamilton established.
1904.	Mar. 19.	Bounds between Ipswich and Rowley established.

Kingston, Plymouth County.

1726.	June 16.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Plymouth called the "North Precinct". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 387.)
1857.	Apr. 14.	Part of Duxbury annexed.

Lakeville, Plymouth County.

1853.	May 13.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Middleborough.
1867.	June 1.	Bounds between Lakeville and Taunton established.

Lancaster, Worcester County.

1653.	May 18.*	**Established as a town,** on petition ". . . of the inhabitants of Nashaway . . . Court doth graunt them the libertje of a touneship . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part I, p. 139.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Lancaster, Worcester County—Continued.

1654.	May 14.*	". . . itt is ordered, that the inhabitants of Lancaster haue those libertjes of a touneship that the laws allow . . ." and the bounds be laid out. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part I, p. 189.)
1672.	Oct. 11.*	Bounds established.
1713.	June 5.*	Additional lands granted to Lancaster.
1720.	Dec. 2.*	Certain bounds established.
1721.	June 17.*	Certain bounds established.
1732.	June 29.*	Part included in the new town of Harvard.
1738.	June 24.*	Part established as Bolton.
1740.	June 23.*	Part established as Leominster.
1762.	Sept. 17.	Part annexed to Shrewsbury.
1768.	Feb. 27.	Part of Shrewsbury annexed.
1781.	Feb. 26.	Part annexed to Shrewsbury.
1781.	Apr. 25.	Part established as Sterling.
1791.	Feb. 8.	Part annexed to Berlin.
1793.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Lancaster and Sterling established.
1837.	Mar. 7.	Part annexed to Sterling and bounds between Lancaster and Sterling established.
1850.	Mar. 14.	Part established as Clinton.
1906.	May 7.	Bounds between Lancaster and Leominister established.
1908.	Apr. 21.	Bounds between Lancaster and Sterling established.

Lanesborough, Berkshire County.

1765.	June 21.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "New Framingham". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 815.)
1793.	Mar. 14.	Part included in the new town of Cheshire.

LAWRENCE, Essex County.

1847.	Apr. 17.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Andover and Methuen.
1853.	Mar. 21.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1853.	Mar. 29.	Act of Mar. 21, 1853, accepted by the town.
1854.	Apr. 4.	Part of Methuen annexed.
1879.	Feb. 4.	Part of Andover and North Andover annexed.
1930.	Apr. 30.	Part of Methuen annexed.
1930.	May 12.	Act of Apr. 30, 1930, accepted by Methuen.
1930.	June 2.	Act of Apr. 30, 1930, accepted by the city.
1946.	May 18.	Part annexed to Methuen.
1947.	Mar. 19.	Act of May 18, 1946, accepted by Methuen.
1947.	June 20.	Act of May 18, 1946, accepted by the city.

Lee, Berkshire County.

1777.	Oct. 21.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Great Barrington known as "Hoplands", the "Glassworks Grant", and part of Washington and part of "Williams Grant". (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 739.)
1806.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Lee and Lenox established.
1806.	Mar. 7.	Part of Washington annexed and boundary line between Lee and Washington established.
1820.	Feb. 7.	Bounds between Lee and Lenox established.

Leicester, Worcester County.

1714.	Feb. 15.*	**Established as a town** in an order confirming to several persons a certain tract of land called "Towtaid". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 836.)
1714.	Feb. 16.*	Order to lay out the Township of Leicester. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 837.)
1714.	June 19.*	Order of Feb. 16.* 1714 accepted and confirmed. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 850.)
1722.	June 14.*	Order confirming the powers of a town. (Prov. Laws, Vol. X, p. 167.)

Leicester, Worcester County—Continued.

1730.	Sept. 11.*	Bounds between Leicester and Brookfield established.
1753.	Apr. 12.	Part made the district of Spencer.
1758.	June 2.	Part annexed to Worcester.
1765.	Feb. 12.	Part included in the new district of Paxton.
1778.	Apr. 10.	The parish lately set off from Leicester and other towns established as Ward.[1]

Lenox, Berkshire County.

1767.	Feb. 26.	Incorporated as a separate district by the name of Lenox, from part of Richmont.[1] (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 905.)
1770.	Nov. 20.	Lands adjoining annexed.
1772.	Apr. 25.	Certain estates set off from the district of Lenox and annexed to Richmont.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1795.	Jan. 31.	Part of Washington annexed.
1802.	Feb. 18.	Part of Washington annexed.
1806.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Lenox and Lee established.
1820.	Feb. 7.	Bounds between Lenox and Lee established.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County.

1740.	June 23.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Lancaster. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 1023.)
1838.	Apr. 13.	Part of unincorporated lands called "No Town" annexed.
1906.	May 7.	Bounds between Leominster and Lancaster established.
1915.	May 13.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1915.	Nov. 2.	Act of May 13, 1915, accepted by the town.
1925.	Feb. 24.	Bounds between Leominster and Fitchburg established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1941.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Leominster and Fitchburg established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1941.	Oct. 27.	Act of Feb. 27, 1941, amended.
1941.	Dec. 27.	Act of Feb. 27, 1941, as amended, took effect.
1943.	June 3.	Bounds as established by act of Feb. 27, 1941, struck out, and bounds established between Leominster and Fitchburg, and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1943.	June 16.	Act of June 3, 1943, took effect.

Leverett, Franklin County.

1774.	Mar. 5.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Sunderland. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 327.)

Lexington, Middlesex County.

1713.	Mar. 20.*	**Established as a town,** from that part of Cambridge known by the name of the "Northern Precinct". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 813.)
1754.	Apr. 19.	Part included in the new town of Lincoln.
1768.	June 9.	Part annexed to Bedford.
1800.	Jan. 20.	Part of Burlington annexed.
1853.	Feb. 28.	Bounds between Lexington and Lincoln established.
1895.	Apr. 4.	Bounds between Lexington and Waltham located and defined.

Leyden, Franklin County.

1784.	Mar. 12.	Established as a district by the name of Leyden, from part of Bernardston.
1809.	Feb. 22.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Leyden.
1886.	May 7.	Part annexed to Bernardston upon acceptance of the act by Bernardston.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Leyden, Franklin County—Continued.

1886.	June 7.	Act of May 7, 1886, accepted by Bernardston.
1911.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between Leyden and Colrain established.

Lincoln, Middlesex County.

1754.	Apr. 19.	**Established as a town,** from parts of Concord, Lexington and Weston. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 728.)
1853.	Feb. 28.	Bounds between Lincoln and Lexington established.

Littleton, Middlesex County.

1715.	Dec. 3.*	**Established as a town.** Land called "Nashoba"[1]—"Ordered that the name of the Township be henceforth called Littleton." (Prov. Laws, Vol. IX, p. 435.)
1725.	Nov. 23.*	Parts of Chelmsford and Concord annexed.
1739.	Jan. 4.*	Part of Groton annexed.
1743.	Feb. 27.*	Bounds between Littleton and Groton established.
1783.	Feb. 25.	Part included in the new dsitrict of Boxborough.
1794.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Littleton and Boxborough established.
1890.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Littleton and Boxborough established.
1906.	June 14.	Bounds between Littleton and Harvard established.
1906.	June 15.	Bounds between Littleton and Boxborough established.

Longmeadow, Hampden County.

1783.	Oct. 13.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Springfield called Longmeadow.
1787.	Nov. 16.	A gore of land annexed.
1890.	June 2.	Part annexed to Springfield.
1894.	May 19.	Part established as East Longmeadow.
1894.	July 1.	Act of May 19, 1894, took effect.

LOWELL, Middlesex County.

1826.	Mar. 1.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Chelmsford.
1834.	Mar. 29.	Part of Tewksbury annexed.
1836.	Apr. 1.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1836.	Apr. 11.	Act of Apr. 1, 1836, accepted by the town.
1851.	Feb. 28.	Part of Dracut annexed.
1874.	May 18.	Part of Chelmsford and Dracut annexed.
1874.	June 5.	Part of Tewksbury annexed.
1874.	June 23.	Act of May 18, 1874, accepted by Lowell.
1874.	Aug. 1.	Act of May 18, 1874, took effect.
1879.	Apr. 1.	Part of Dracut annexed.
1888.	May 17.	Part of Tewksbury annexed.
1906.	Apr. 30.	Part of Tewksbury annexed.

Ludlow, Hampden County.

1774.	Feb. 28.	Established as a district by the name of Ludlow from part of Springfield called "Stony Hill". (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 337.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1830.	June 5.	Bounds between Ludlow and Springfield established.

Lunenburg, Worcester County.

1728.	Aug. 1.*	**Established as a town,** from part of "Turkey Hills" and the land belonging to Woburn and Dorchester and "Boardman's Farm". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 520.)
1732.	June 30.*	Certain land granted to Lunenburg.
1733.	Apr. 7.*	Certain land granted to Lunenburg.
1764.	Feb. 3.	Part established as Fitchburg.
1846.	Mar. 3.	Bounds between Lunenburg and Shirley established.
1848.	Apr. 25.	Bounds between Lunenburg and Shirley established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

LYNN, Essex County.

1637.	Nov. 20.*	The name of Saugus[1] changed to Lynn—"Saugust is called Lin." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 211.)
1639.	Mar. 13.*	Bounds between "Linn" and Salem established.
1639.	Mar. 13.*	"Linn granted 6 miles into the countrey . . ." .
1639.	June 6.*	Bounds to be settled between Lynn, Charlestown and Boston.
1639.	Sept. 9.*	Inland plantation granted to Lynn.
1644.	May 29.*	Part called "Linn-village" established as Reading.
1782.	July 3.	Part established as the district of Lynnfield.
1815.	Feb. 17.	Part established as Saugus.
1850.	Apr. 10.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1850.	Apr. 19.	Act of Apr. 10, 1850, accepted by the town.
1852.	May 21.	Part established as Swampscott.
1853.	Mar. 29.	Part established as Nahant.

Lynnfield, Essex County.

1782.	July 3.	Established as a district by the name of Lynnfield from part of Lynn.
1814.	Feb. 28.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Lynnfield.
1854.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Lynnfield and Reading established.
1857.	May 27.	Bounds between Lynnfield and North Reading established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1857.	Nov. 3.	Act of May 27, 1857, accepted by Lynnfield.
1858.	Jan. 7.	Act of May 27, 1857, accepted by North Reading and took effect.
1870.	Apr. 2.	Bounds between Lynnfield and Wakefield established.
1901.	May 17.	Bounds between Lynnfield and Saugus established.
1905.	May 2.	Bounds between Lynnfield and Reading established.
1947.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Lynnfield and Reading established.

MALDEN, Middlesex County.

1649.	May 2.*	**Established as a town**—"Upon the petition of Mistck side men, they are granted to be a distinct towne, . . . called Mauldon." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 274.)
1726.	June 7.*	Part of Charlestown annexed.
1727.	June 3.*	Part annexed to Reading.
1734.	Dec. 21.*	Part annexed to Stoneham.
1753.	Dec. 18.	Bounds between Malden and Reading established.
1817.	June 10.	Part annexed to Medford.
1850.	May 3.	Part established as Melrose.
1870.	Mar. 9.	Part established as Everett.
1877.	Apr. 20.	Part of Medford annexed.
1878.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Malden and Medford established.
1881.	Mar. 31.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1881.	June 9.	Act of Mar. 31, 1881, accepted by the town.
1910.	June 10.	Bounds between Malden and Medford established and part of Medford annexed.
1917.	Mar. 22.	Bounds between Malden and Medford changed and established.

Manchester, Essex County.

1645.	May 14.*	Established, from part of Salem—"It is ordered, y[t] Jeffryes Creeke[1] shalbe called Manchester." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 109.)
1672.	May 15.*	Bounds between Manchester and Gloucester established.
1902.	May 6.	Bounds between Manchester and Gloucester to be established.
1903.	Aug. 25.	Bounds as established under act of May 6, 1902, confirmed by the Supreme Judicial Court.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Mansfield, Bristol County.

1770.	Apr. 26.	Incorporated into a district by the name of Mansfield, from part of Norton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 48.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.

Marblehead, Essex County.

1633.	July 2.*	Mentioned. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 106.)
1635.	May 6.*	"It is ordered, that there shalbe a plantacon att Marble Head . . ." . (Mass. Bay Rec. Vol. I, p. 147.)
1649.	May 2.*	**Established as a town—**". . . Salem haveing granted them to be a towne of themselues, & appointed them the bounds of their towne, wch the Corte doth graunt." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 266.)

Marion, Plymouth County.

1852.	May 14.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Rochester.
1853.	Apr. 8.	Bounds between Marion and Rochester established.
1859.	Feb. 18.	Bounds between Marion and Wareham established.
1866.	Feb. 13.	Bounds between Marion and Wareham established.
1897.	Apr. 23.	Bounds between Marion and Wareham established.
1909.	Mar. 1.	Bounds between Marion and Wareham established.
1939.	June 12.	Bounds between Marion and Wareham established.

MARLBOROUGH, Middlesex County.

1660.	May 31.*	The grant to the "Whipsufferage" planters confirmed, "And it is ordered, that the name of the sajd plantation shall be called Marlborow, . . ." . (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 1, p. 424.)
1667.	May 15.*	Bounds as laid out approved and confirmed.
1700.	July 2.*	Land reserved for Indian plantation annexed.
1716.	Nov. 16.*	Tract of land called "Agaganquamasset" purchased from the Indians confirmed.
1717.	Oct. 25.*	Tract of land called "Alcocks Farm" annexed.
1717.	Nov. 18.*	Part called "Chauncey" established as Westborough.
1727.	July 6.*	Part established as Southborough.
1783.	July 11.	Bounds between Marlborough and Stow established.
1784.	Mar. 16.	Part included in the new district of Berlin.
1791.	Feb. 23.	Part of Framingham annexed.
1807.	June 20.	Part annexed to Northborough and bounds established.
1829.	Feb. 11.	Part annexed to Bolton.
1838.	Mar. 16.	Bounds between Marlborough and Bolton established.
1843.	Mar. 24.	Part of Southborough annexed.
1866.	Mar. 19.	Part included in the new town of Hudson.
1890.	May 23.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1890.	July 14.	Act of May 23, 1890, accepted by the town.
1901.	May 16.	Bounds between Marlborough and Southborough established.
1905.	May 1.	Bounds between Marlborough and Berlin established.

Marshfield, Plymouth County.

1640.	Mar. 2.*	". . . That Greens Harbour shalbe a Towneship . . . and that it shalbe called by the name of Rexhame[1]. but now Marshfeild." (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. XI, p. 37.)
1641.	Sept. 7.*	In a list of rates of the towns appears "Rexhame[2]\ Marshfield/" (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. XI, p. 37.)
1643.	Mar. 7.*	Bounds established.
1661.	Mar. 5.*	A certain tract of land granted to Marshfield and Duxbury.
1683.	Feb. 23.*	Bounds between Marshfield and Duxbury established.
1712.	Mar. 21.*	Part included in the new town of Pembroke.
1782.	Nov. 8.	Bounds between Marshfield and Scituate established.
1788.	Mar. 10.	Part of Scituate annexed.

[1] See "Extinct Places".
[2] Act has line drawn through.

Marshfield, Plymouth County—Continued.

1813.	June 14.	Bounds between Marshfield and Duxbury established.
1887.	May 11.	Bounds between Marshfield and Scituate established.
1928.	Mar. 23.	Bounds between Marshfield and Scituate established.

Mashpee, Barnstable County.

1763.	June 14.	"Lands belonging to the Indians . . . in Mashpee be and hereby are erected into a district by the name of Mashpee." for three years. ((Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 639.)
1767.	Mar. 20.	Act of June 14, 1763, revived, to be in force until July 1, 1770.
1770.	Nov. 15.	Act of June 14, 1763, revived, to be in force until the end of the session of the General Court next after Nov. 1, 1775.
1776.	Feb. 9.	Act of June 14, 1763, revived, to be in force until the end of the session of the General Court next after Nov. 1, 1779.
1779.	Nov. 25.	Act of June 14, 1763, revived, to be in force until Nov. 1, 1785.
1788.	June 12.	Act of June 14, 1763, repealed in this act the spelling is "Marshpee". The act provides that three persons be appointed as Guardians at Marshpee, for ten years.
1789.	Jan. 30.	All former laws respecting Marshpee Indians repealed and a board of overseers established.
1795.	Jan. 22.	Bounds between "Marshpee" and Barnstable established.
1797.	Mar. 7.	Act of June 12, 1788, made perpetual until repealed by the Legislature.
1811.	Feb. 26.	Part of the "plantation of Marshpee" annexed to Sandwich.
1834.	Mar. 31.	The plantation of Marshpee established as the District of Marshpee.
1841.	Mar. 17.	A tract of land formerly in the plantation of Marshpee annexed to Falmouth.
1859.	Apr. 1.	Part of the district of Marshpee annexed to Sandwich.
1860.	Mar. 13.	Part of the district of Marshpee annexed to Sandwich.
1870.	May 28.	**Incorporated as a town,** by the name of Mashpee, formerly the district of Marshpee.
1872.	Mar. 19.	Part of Sandwich re-annexed.
1885.	June 18.	Bounds between Mashpee and Falmouth established.
1887.	May 27.	Bounds between Mashpee and Sandwich established and part of Sandwich annexed.
1894.	Mar. 28.	Bounds between Mashpee and Barnstable established.
1905.	Apr. 20.	Bounds between Mashpee and Sandwich established and part of Sandwich annexed.
1916.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between Mashpee and Barnstable established.

Mattapoisett, Plymouth County.

1857.	May 20.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Rochester.

Maynard, Middlesex County.

1871.	Apr. 19.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Stow and Sudbury.

Medfield, Norfolk County.

1650.	May 22.*	Established from part of Dedham—"Att the request of the inhabitants of Dedham, the village there is by this Courte named Meadfeild." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 1, p. 7.)
1651.	May 23.*	**Established as a town.** "Itt is ordered, that Meadefeild, . . . shall and hereby hath graunted vnto them all the power and priviledges which other tounes doe enjoy, . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 1, p. 46.)
1659.	May 28.*	Certain land granted to Medfield.

Medfield, Norfolk County—Continued.

1713.	Oct. 24.*	Part established as Medway.
1903.	May 27.	Bounds between the town of Medfield and towns of Dover, Walpole and Norfolk established.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County.

1630.	Sept. 28.*	"Meadford" is mentioned in a Tax Act as a plantation. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 77.)
1754.	Apr. 18.	Part of Charlestown annexed.
1754.	Apr. 20.	Part of Charlestown annexed.
1811.	June 21.	Part annexed to Charlestown.
1817.	June 10.	Part of Malden annexed.
1850.	Apr. 30.	Part included in the new town of Winchester.
1875.	Apr. 20.	Part of Everett annexed.
1877.	Apr. 20.	Part annexed to Malden.
1878.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Medford and Malden established.
1892.	May 31.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1892.	Oct. 6.	Act of May 31, 1892, accepted by the town.
1910.	June 10.	Bounds between Medford and Malden established and part annexed to Malden.
1917.	Mar. 22.	Bounds between Medford and Malden changed and established.

Medway, Norfolk County.

1713.	Oct. 24.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Medfield (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 722.)
1749.	Nov. 28.*	Part of Wrentham annexed.
1792.	Mar. 3.	Bounds between Medway and "Sherburn", established.
1792.	June 25.	Part annexed to Franklin.
1792.	Nov. 13.	Bounds between Medway and Franklin established.
1829.	Mar. 3.	Bounds between Medway and Holliston established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1832.	Feb. 23.	Bounds between Medway and Franklin established.
1839.	Mar. 13.	Part of Franklin annexed and bounds established.
1870.	Feb. 23.	Part included in the new town of Norfolk.
1885.	Feb. 24.	Part established as Millis.

MELROSE, Middlesex County.

1850.	May 3.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Malden.
1853.	Mar. 15.	Part of Stoneham annexed.
1895.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Melrose and Stoneham located and defined.
1899.	Mar. 18.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1899.	May 8.	Act of Mar. 18, 1899, accepted by the town.
1906.	May 9.	Bounds between Melrose and Wakefield changed and established.

Mendon, Worcester County.

1667.	May 15.*	**Established as a town,** "being the touneship of Qunshapage as lajd out . . . name thereof be Mendon; . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 341.)
1669.	May 20.*	Certain lands granted to Mendon.
1710.	June 29.*	Certain land annexed.
1714.	June 1.*	The purchase of land from the Indians in 1691 confirmed by the Court, and annexed to Mendon.
1719.	Nov. 27.*	Part included in the new town of Bellingham.
1727.	June 27.*	Part established as Uxbridge.
1735.	June 14.*	Part included in the new town of Upton.
1754.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Mendon and Uxbridge established.
1770.	Apr. 24.	Part of Uxbridge annexed.
1780.	Apr. 11.	Part established as Milford.
1845.	Mar. 25.	Part established as Blackstone.
1872.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Mendon and Bellingham established.

Merrimac, Essex County.

1876.	Apr. 11.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Amesbury.

Methuen, Essex County.

1725.	Dec. 8.*	**Established as a town,** from the west part of Haverhill and lands adjoining. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 367.)
1847.	Apr. 17.	Part included in the new town of Lawrence.
1854.	Apr. 4.	Part annexed to Lawrence.
1917.	Apr. 17.	Incorporated as a city.
1917.	Nov. 6.	Act of Apr. 17, 1917, accepted by the town.
1921.	Jan. 4.	Act of Apr. 17, 1917, declared unconstitutional by Mass. Supreme Judicial Court (Mass. Reports, Vol. 236, p. 564.)
1921.	May 25.	Act of Apr. 17, 1917, repealed.
1930.	Apr. 30.	Part annexed to Lawrence.
1930.	May 12.	Act of Apr. 30, 1930, accepted by the town.
1930.	June 2.	Act of Apr. 30, 1930, accepted by Lawrence.
1946.	May 18.	Part of Lawrence annexed.
1947.	Mar. 19.	Act of May 18, 1946, accepted by the town.
1947.	June 20.	Act of May 18, 1946, accepted by Lawrence.

Middleborough, Plymouth County.

1669.	June 1*.	**Established as a town.** " . . . Namassakett shalbe a township, and to be called by the name of Middleberry . . .". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. V, p. 19.)
1675.	June 1.*	Boundary line established. Court ordered certain men " . . . to Run the line between Bridgwater and Middlebery." (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. XI, p. 241.)
1680.	Sept. 28.*	Certain lands called "Assowamsett Neck" and places adjacent granted to Middleborough.
1734.	July 4.*	Part included in the new town of Halifax.
1734.	Dec. 11.*	Part annexed to Plympton.
1849.	Mar. 24.	Bounds between Middleborough and Carver established.
1853.	May 13.	Part established as Lakeville.
1921.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Middleborough and Carver established.

Middlefield, Hampshire County.

1783.	Mar. 12.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Becket, Chester, Partridgefield,[1] Washington, Worthington and the lands called "Prescott's Grants."

Middleton, Essex County.

1728.	June 20.*	**Established as a town,** from parts of Andover, Boxford, Salem and Topsfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 502.)
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between Middleton and North Andover established.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between Middleton and Boxford established.
1936.	Feb. 28.	Bounds between Middleton and Topsfield established.

Milford, Worcester County.

1780.	Apr. 11.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Mendon. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 1172.)
1835.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Milford, Holliston and Hopkinton established and parts of Holliston and Hopkinton annexed to Milford and part of Milford annexed to Hopkinton.
1859.	Apr. 1.	Bounds between Milford and Holliston established.
1886.	Apr. 7.	Part established as Hopedale.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Milford and Upton established.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Milford and Hopkinton established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Millbury, Worcester County.

1813.	June 11.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Sutton.
1851.	May 24.	Part of Auburn annexed.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Millbury and Oxford established.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Millbury and Sutton established.

Millis, Norfolk County.

1885.	Feb. 24.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Medway.

Millville, Worcester County.

1916.	May 1.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Blackstone.

Milton, Norfolk County.

1662.	May 7.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Dorchester called "Uncataquissett." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 50.)
1712.	May 30.*	"Blue Hill lands" divided between Milton and Braintree.
1868.	Apr. 22.	Part included in the new town of Hyde Park.[1]
1868.	May 1.	Act of Apr. 22, 1868, amended and bounds established.
1885.	Apr. 16.	Bounds between Milton and Quincy established and part of each town annexed to other town.

Monroe, Franklin County.

1822.	Feb. 21.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Rowe and land called "the Gore."

Monson, Hampden County.

1760.	Apr. 28.	Established as a district by the name of Monson from part of Brimfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 334.)
1763.	Feb. 7.	Bounds definitely established.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1828.	Feb. 8.	Bounds between Monson and Palmer established.

Montague, Franklin County.

1754.	Jan. 25.	Established as a district by the name of Montague. from part of Sunderland. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, 713.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1803.	Feb. 28.	Part annexed to Wendell.

Monterey, Berkshire County.

1847.	Apr. 12.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Tyringham.
1851.	May 24.	Part of New Marlborough annexed.
1875.	Apr. 24.	Part of Sandisfield annexed.
1875.	May 19.	Act of Apr. 24, 1875, accepted by the town.
1875.	June 1.	Act of Apr. 24, 1875, took effect.

Montgomery, Hampden County.

1780.	Nov. 28.	**Incorporated as a town** from parts of that part of Westfield called the "New Addition" and from parts of Norwich[1] and Southampton.
1792.	Feb. 25.	Part included in the new town of Russell.
1792.	Mar. 6.	Parts of Norwich and Southampton annexed.
1914.	June 3.	Bounds between Montgomery and Russell established.

Mount Washington, Berkshire County.

1779.	June 21.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Tauconnuck Mountain." (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 1069.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Mount Washington, Berkshire County—Continued.

1817.	June 17.	Bounds between Mount Washington and Egremont established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1847.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Mount Washington and the district of Boston Corner established.

Nahant, Essex County.

1853.	Mar. 29.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Lynn.

Nantucket, Nantucket County.

1795.	June 8.	The name of the town of Sherburn[1] changed to Nantucket.

Natick, Middlesex County.

1650.	May 23.*	"Naticke" is mentioned in the act as one of the bounds. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol III, p. 189.)
1651.	Oct. 14.*	Indian plantation at "Naticke" granted 2000 acres of land within Dedham.
1660.	May 31.*	Bounds of Indian plantation at "Naticke" established.
1679.	Apr. 16.*	Exchange of land made between the two towns of "Naticke" and "Sherborne."
1679.	May 30.*	Return of the exchange of land of April 16, 1679, confirmed.
1701.	Oct. 18.*	Bounds between Natick and Dedham established.
1744.	Feb. 25*.	Part of Needham annexed.
1762.	Feb. 23.	Established as the district of Natick.
1775.	Aug. 23.	Grave doubt existed as to the district of Natick becoming a town under this general act, as the act establishing the district had an exception other than the one expressed in the general act.
1781.	Feb. 19.	**Established as a town,** formerly the district of Natick.
1797.	June 22.	Bounds between Natick and Needham established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1820.	Feb. 7.	Part of "Sherburne" annexed.
1850.	Apr. 26.	Bounds between Natick and Wayland established.
1871.	Apr. 22.	Part annexed to Framingham.

Needham, Norfolk County.

1711.	Nov. 6.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Dedham. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 796.)
1712.	Aug. 22.*	Bounds between Needham and Dedham established.
1714.	Nov. 3.*	Bounds between Needham and Dedham established.
1744.	Feb. 25.*	Part annexed to Natick.
1797.	June 22.	Bounds between Needham and Natick established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1881.	Apr. 6.	Part established as Wellesley.

New Ashford, Berkshire County.

1781.	Feb. 26.	Established as a district by the name of New Ashford, formerly a tract of land called New Ashford lying between Adams, Hancock, Lanesborough and Williamstown.
1793.	Mar. 14.	Part of the district included in the new town of Cheshire.
1798.	Feb. 6.	Part of the district annexed to Cheshire.
1798.	June 26.	Part of Hancock annexed to the district of New Ashford.
1835.	Nov. 4.	**Made a town.** (Revised Statutes.)
1836.	May 1.	Act of Nov. 4, 1835, took effect.
1851.	May 20.	Bounds between New Ashford and Hancock established.
1912.	May 28.	Bounds between New Ashford and Cheshire established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County.

1787.	Feb. 23.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Dartmouth.
1812.	Feb. 22.	Part established as Fairhaven.
1831.	Feb. 19.	Bounds between New Bedford and Dartmouth established.
1845.	Mar. 20.	Part of Dartmouth annexed.
1847.	Mar. 9.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1847.	Mar. 18.	Act of Mar. 9, 1847, accepted by the town.
1875.	Apr. 9.	Part of Acushnet annexed.
1888.	May 3.	Part of Dartmouth annexed.

New Braintree, Worcester County.

1751.	Jan. 31.*	Established as a district from lands called New Braintree and parts of Hardwick and Brookfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XIV, p. 475.)
1751.	Apr. 16.*	District established Jan. 31,* 1751 named "New Braintry." (Prov. Laws, Vol. XIV, p. 518.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1791.	June 10.	Bounds between New Braintree and Brookfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1792.	Mar. 8.	Bounds between New Braintree and Brookfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1814.	June 10.	Part annexed to Hardwick.
1911.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between New Braintree and North Brookfield established.
1911.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between New Braintree and West Brookfield established.

New Marlborough, Berkshire County.

1759.	June 15.	Established as a district by the name of New Marlborough, formerly the plantation called New Marlborough. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 263.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1795.	June 19.	Part of Sheffield annexed.
1798.	Feb. 7.	Part of Sheffield annexed.
1811.	Feb. 27.	Part of Tyringham annexed.
1812.	Feb. 11.	Part annexed to Tyringham.
1851.	May 24.	Part annexed to Monterey.
1871.	Apr. 19.	Part of Sheffield annexed and bounds established.

New Salem, Franklin County.

1753.	June 15.	Established as a district by the name of New Salem, formerly the township of New Salem with the additional grant made to said township. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 670.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1822.	Jan. 28.	Part included in the new town of Prescott[1].
1824.	Feb. 20.	Part of Shutesbury annexed.
1830.	Feb. 5.	Part annexed to Athol.
1837.	Mar. 16.	Part annexed to Orange and part to Athol.
1911.	Apr. 27.	Bounds between New Salem and Prescott established.
1927.	Apr. 26.	Part of Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott annexed.
1938.	Apr. 26.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	Apr. 28.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Newbury, Essex County.

1635.	May 6.*	"Wessacucon is allowed by the Court to be a plantacon . . . & hereafter to be called Neweberry." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 146.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Newbury, Essex County—Continued.

1649.	May 4.*	Two-fifths of Plum Island granted to Newbury.
1656.	May 14.*	Bounds between Newbury and Rowley established.
1764.	Jan. 28.	Part established as Newburyport.
1819.	Feb. 18.	Part established as Parsons[1].
1851.	Apr. 17.	Part annexed to Newburyport.
1905.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Newbury and Rowley established.
1931.	June 9.	Bounds between Newbury and Rowley established.

NEWBURYPORT, Essex County.

1764.	Jan. 28.	**Established as a town,** from part of Newbury. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 676.)
1851.	Apr. 17.	Part of Newbury annexed.
1851.	May 24.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1851.	June 3.	Act of May 24, 1851, accepted by the town.

NEWTON, Middlesex County.

1691.	Dec. 15*.	**Established as a town**—"Cambridge Village sometimes called New Cambridge . . . ordered that it be henceforth called Newton. . . . " (Mass. Archives, Vol. CXII, p. 421B.)
1803.	June 21.	An island in the Charles River annexed.
1838.	Apr. 23.	Part annexed to Roxbury.
1849.	Apr. 16.	Part annexed to Waltham.
1873.	June 2.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1873.	Oct. 13.	Act of June 2, 1873, accepted by the town.
1874.	May 29.	Bounds between Newton and Boston established.
1875.	May 5.	Part of Boston annexed.
1875.	June 23.	Act of May 5, 1875, accepted.
1875.	July 1.	Act of May 5, 1875, took effect.
1898.	Mar. 29.	Bounds between Newton and Boston established.
1898.	May 13.	Bounds between Newton and Boston established.
1907.	Mar. 28.	Bounds between Newton and Brookline established.

Norfolk, Norfolk County.

1870.	Feb. 23.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Franklin, Medway, Walpole and Wrentham.
1871.	Apr. 19.	Bounds between Norfolk and Wrentham established.
1903.	May 23.	Bounds between Norfolk and Foxborough established.
1903.	May 27.	Bounds between the town of Medfield and the towns of Dover, Walpole and Norfolk established.
1927.	Mar. 28.	Bounds between Norfolk and Walpole re-established.

NORTH ADAMS, Berkshire County.

1878.	Apr. 16.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Adams.
1895.	Mar. 22.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1895.	Apr. 8.	Act of Mar. 22, 1895, accepted by the town.
1900.	Apr. 25.	Bounds between North Adams and Williamstown established and part of Williamstown annexed.

North Andover, Essex County.

1855.	Apr. 7.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Andover.
1879.	Feb. 4.	Part annexed to Lawrence.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between North Andover and Boxford established.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between North Andover and North Reading established.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between North Andover and Middleton established.

North Attleborough, Bristol County.

1887.	June 14.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Attleborough.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

North Attleborough, Bristol County—Continued.

1887.	July 30.	Act of June 14, 1887, accepted by Attleborough.
1888.	Mar. 6.	Acceptance of the act of June 14, 1887, ratified and confirmed.

North Brookfield, Worcester County.

1812.	Feb. 28.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Brookfield.
1854.	Apr. 15.	Part annexed to Brookfield.
1910.	Mar. 18.	Bounds between North Brookfield and Brookfield established.
1911.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between North Brookfield and West Brookfield established.
1911.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between North Brookfield and New Braintree established.

North Reading, Middlesex County.

1853.	Mar. 22.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Reading.
1857.	May 27.	Bounds between North Reading and Lynnfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1857.	Nov. 3.	Act of May 27, 1857, accepted by Lynnfield.
1858.	Jan. 7.	Act of May 27, 1857, accepted by North Reading and took effect.
1904	Mar. 12.	Bounds between North Reading and North Andover established.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between North Reading and Andover established.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County.

1656.	May 14.*	"Forasmuch as the tounes of Springfeild and North Hampton. . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part. 1, p. 259.)
1685.	June 4.*	Bounds between Northampton and Springfield established.
1701.	June 4.*	Certain land granted to Northampton and bounds established between Northampton and Westfield.
1720.	Nov. 12.*	Bounds between Northampton and Hatfield established.
1753.	Jan. 5.	Part established as the district of Southampton.
1778.	Sept. 29.	Part established as Westhampton.
1778.	Sept. 29.	Part annexed to Southampton.
1785.	June 17.	Part included in the new district of Easthampton.
1850.	Apr. 15.	Part of Hadley annexed.
1872.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Northampton and Westhampton established.
1883.	June 23.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1883.	Sept. 5.	Act of June 23, 1883, accepted by the town.
1909.	June 9.	Part annexed to Holyoke.
1914.	Apr. 21.	Bounds between Northampton and Easthampton established.

Northborough, Worcester County.

1766.	Jan. 24.	Established as a district by the name of Northborough from part of Westborough. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 839.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1806.	Feb. 15.	Bounds between Northborough and Berlin established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1807.	June 20.	Part of Marlborough annexed and bounds established.

Northbridge, Worcester County.

1772.	July 14.	Established as a district by the name of Northbridge from part of Uxbridge. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 198.)

Northbridge, Worcester County—Continued.

1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1780.	Apr. 20.	Part of Sutton annexed.
1801.	Feb. 17.	Part of Sutton annexed.
1831.	June 15.	Part annexed to Sutton.
1837.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Northbridge and Sutton established.
1844.	Mar. 16.	Part of Sutton annexed.
1856.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Northbridge and Uxbridge established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1908.	Apr. 17.	Bounds between Northbridge and Uxbridge established.

Northfield, Franklin County.

1714.	Feb. 22.*	The grant for a plantation at "Squakeag" revived and ". . . the Town to be named Northfield. . . ". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 840.)
1715.	June 10.*	Act of Feb. 22, 1714, continued for three years.
1720.	Dec. 6.*	Committee appointed to manage the affairs of Northfield continued for two years.
1723.	June 15.*	To enjoy all privileges of a town.
1773.	June 29.	Two tracts of land annexed.
1795.	Feb. 28.	Part annexed to Gill.
1860.	Feb. 10.	Part called "Hack's Grant" annexed to Erving.

Norton, Bristol County.

1710.	Mar. 17.*	"The North Precinct of Taunton" granted to be a town by the name of Norton, a bill to perfect the grant to be brought into the next session of the General Court. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 791.)
1711.	June 12.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Taunton called "North Purchase." (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 676.)
1725.	Dec. 21.*	Part established as Easton.
1753.	Dec. 22.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1770.	Apr. 26.	Part established as the district of Mansfield.

Norwell, Plymouth County.

1888.	Feb. 27.	Name of South Scituate[1] may be changed to Norwell, Standish, Deane, Cushing or Hatherly upon submission to the voters of South Scituate.
1888.	Mar. 5.	The name Norwell was adopted by the town.
1897.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Norwell and Hingham established.

Norwood, Norfolk County.

1872.	Feb. 23.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Dedham and Walpole.

Oak Bluffs, Dukes County.

1907.	Jan. 25.	Corporate name of the town of Cottage City[1] changed to Oak Bluffs.
1935.	Apr. 8.	Bounds between Oak Bluffs and Tisbury re-established.
1937.	May 5.	Bounds between Oak Bluffs and Edgartown re-established.

Oakham, Worcester County.

1762.	June 7.	Incorporated as a district by the name of Oakham from part of Rutland. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 571.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.

Orange, Franklin County.

1783.	Oct. 15.	Established as a district by the name of Orange from parts of Athol, Royalston, Warwick, and a track of land called "Ervingshire."

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Orange, Franklin County—Continued.

1810.	Feb. 24.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Orange.
1816.	Feb. 7.	Part annexed to Athol.
1837.	Mar. 16.	Part of "Erving's Grant" annexed.
1837.	Mar. 16.	Part of New Salem annexed.
1841.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Orange and Erving established.

Orleans, Barnstable County.

1797.	Mar. 3.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Eastham.
1839.	Mar. 9.	Part of Eastham annexed.
1861.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Orleans and Brewster established.
1862.	Apr. 4.	Bounds between Orleans and Harwich established.
1862.	Apr. 14.	Bounds between Orleans and Chatham established.
1867.	Mar. 23.	Bounds between Orleans and Eastham established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1935.	June 20.	Bounds between Orleans and Brewster re-established.

Otis, Berkshire County.

1810.	June 13.	The name of the town of Loudon[1] changed to Otis.
1838.	Apr. 9.	A tract of unincorporated land called "East Eleven "Thousand Acres" annexed.

Oxford, Worcester County.

1693.	May 31.*	"Mr Dan[1] Allen" is listed in the records as a representative from Oxford. (Court Rec., Vol. VI, p. 278.)
1731.	Dec. 8.*	Certain lands annexed.
1732.	Feb. 2.*	Part included in new town of Dudley.
1734.	Nov. 22.*	Certain lands annexed.
1754.	Nov. 21.	Part established as the district of Charlton.
1778.	Apr. 10.	The parish lately set off from Oxford and other towns established as Ward.[1]
1789.	Jan. 5.	Part of Charlton annexed.
1793.	Feb. 18.	Part of Sutton annexed.
1807.	Feb. 6.	The "Oxford South Gore" annexed.
1809.	Feb. 23.	Part of Charlton annexed.
1832.	Mar. 6.	Part included in the new town of Webster.
1838.	Mar. 22.	The "Oxford North Gore" annexed.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Oxford and Charlton established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Oxford and Millbury established.
1908.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Oxford and Auburn established.

Palmer, Hampden County.

1752.	Jan. 30.*	Established as a district by the name of Palmer formerly the plantation called "The Elbows". (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 599.)
1760.	Apr. 23.	Part of Brimfield annexed.
1761.	Nov. 25.	Tract of land in Palmer included in the District of Ware.
1763.	Feb. 7.	Bounds definitely established.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1828.	Feb. 8.	Bounds between Palmer and Monson established.
1831.	Feb. 7.	Part of Western annexed.
1910.	Apr. 29.	Bounds between Palmer and Ware established.

Paxton, Worcester County.

1765.	Feb. 12.	Incorporated as a district by the name of Paxton from parts of Leicester and Rutland. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 734.)
1772.	July 14.	Part of Rutland adjudged to belong to the district of Paxton.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1793.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Paxton and Holden established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Paxton, Worcester County—Continued.

1804.	Feb. 13.	Part of Holden annexed.
1829.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Paxton and Rutland established.
1831.	Mar. 19.	Part annexed to Holden.
1838.	Apr. 9.	Part of Holden annexed.
1851.	May 24.	Part of Rutland annexed.
1906.	Mar. 13.	Bounds between Paxton and Holden established.

PEABODY, Essex County.

1868.	Apr. 13.	Name of South Danvers[1] changed to Peabody upon acceptance by the voters of South Danvers.
1868.	Apr. 30.	Act of Apr. 13, 1868, accepted.
1882.	Mar. 27.	Part annexed to Salem.
1916.	May 8.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1916.	Nov. 7.	Act of May 8, 1916, accepted by the town.

Pelham, Hampshire County.

1743.	Jan. 15.*	**Established as a town,** formerly a tract of land called "New Lisburn". (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 49.)
1788.	June 16.	Part of Belchertown annexed.
1822.	Jan. 28.	Part included in the new town of Prescott.[1]
1927.	Apr. 26.	Part of Enfield annexed.
1938.	Apr. 26.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	Apr. 28.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Pembroke, Plymouth County.

1712.	Mar. 21.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Duxbury called "Mattakeeset", a tract of land known as "Major's Purchase", and the land called "Marshfield Upper-Lands at Mattakeeset". (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 684.)
1734.	July 4.*	Part included in the new town of Halifax.
1820.	Feb. 22.	Part established as Hanson.
1835.	Mar. 6.	Bounds between Pembroke and Hanover established.
1885.	Apr. 23.	Bounds between Pembroke and Hanover established.
1903.	Apr. 3.	Bounds between Pembroke and Hanson established.

Pepperell, Middlesex County.

1753.	Apr. 12.	Established as a district by the name of "Pepperrell" formerly the second precinct of the town of Groton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 652.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1803.	Feb. 3.	Part annexed to Groton.
1857.	May 18.	Part of Groton annexed.

Peru, Berkshire County.

1806.	June 19.	Name changed from Partridgefield.[1]
1912.	Feb. 28.	Bounds between Peru and Hinsdale established.

Petersham, Worcester County.

1754.	Apr. 20.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation of "Nichewoag". (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 731.)
1756.	Aug. 23.	Certain lands annexed.
1801.	Feb. 18.	Part included in the new town of Dana.[1]
1803.	Feb. 12.	Bounds between Petersham and Dana established.
1842.	Feb. 4.	Part annexed to Dana.
1882.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Petersham and Dana established.
1927.	Apr. 26.	All of the town of Dana and certain parts of the towns of Greenwich and Prescott annexed.
1938.	Apr. 26.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	Apr. 28.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended took effect.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Phillipston, Worcester County.

1814.	Feb. 5.	Corporate name of the town of Gerry,[1] changed to Phillipston.
1837.	Mar. 29.	Bounds between Phillipston and Royalston established.
1892.	Apr. 5.	Part annexed to Templeton.
1908.	Apr. 17.	Bounds between Phillipston and Templeton established.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County.

1761.	Apr. 21.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Pontoosuck". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 434.)
1889.	June 5.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1890.	Feb. 11.	Act of June 5, 1889, accepted by the town.

Plainfield, Hampshire County.

1785.	Mar. 16.	Incorporated as a district by the name of Plainfield from part of Cummington.
1794.	Feb. 4.	Part of Cummington annexed to the district of Plainfield.
1803.	June 21.	Part of Hawley annexed to the district of Plainfield.
1807.	June 15.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Plainfield.

Plainville, Norfolk County.

1905.	Apr. 4.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Wrentham.

Plymouth, Plymouth County.

The first entry appearing in "Plimouths great Book of Deeds of Lands Enrolled" is dated 1620.

1670.	June 7.*	Bounds between Plymouth and Sandwich as established Jan. 19,* 1663, ordered to be recorded.
1707.	June 4.*	Part established as Plympton.
1726.	June 16.*	Part known as the "North Precinct" established as Kingston.
1739.	July 10.*	Part called the plantation of "Agawam" included in the new town of Wareham.
1827.	Jan. 20.	Part annexed to Wareham.

Plympton, Plymouth County.

1707.	June 4.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Plymouth. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 747.)
1734.	July 4.*	Part included in the new town of Halifax.
1734.	Dec. 11.*	Part of Middleborough annexed.
1790.	June 9.	Part established as Carver.
1793.	Feb. 8.	Bounds between Plympton and Carver established.
1831.	Mar. 16.	Part annexed to Halifax.
1863.	Feb. 6.	Bounds between Plympton and Halifax established and part of each town annexed to the other town.

Princeton, Worcester County.

1759.	Oct. 20.	Established as a district by the name of Princeton from part of Rutland and certain lands adjacent. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 266.)
1771.	Apr. 24.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Princeton and all lands adjoining not included in any other town or district. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 124.)
1773.	Mar. 6.	All lands adjoining the district of Princeton included in the act of Apr. 24, 1771, set off and the same lands to remain as they were before the passage of the said act. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 238.)
1810.	Feb. 16.	Part of Hubbardston annexed.
1838.	Apr. 4.	Part of unincorporated lands of "No Town" annexed.
1870.	Apr. 22.	Part of Westminster annexed.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Provincetown, Barnstable County.

1727.	June 14.*	**Established as a town**, formerly the Precinct of Cape Cod. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 426.)
1813.	June 12.	Part of Truro annexed and bounds established.
1829.	Mar. 2.	Part of Truro annexed and bounds established.
1836.	Mar. 30.	Part of Truro annexed.

QUINCY, Norfolk County.

1792.	Feb. 22.	**Incorporated as a town**, from part of Braintree. In the same act part of that part of Dorchester called "Squantum and the farms" was annexed.
1814.	Feb. 10.	Part of that part of Dorchester called "Squantum and the farms" annexed.
1819.	Feb. 12.	Part of Dorchester annexed.
1820.	Feb. 21.	Bounds between Quincy and Dorchester established, and part of that part of Dorchester called "Squantum" annexed.
1855.	May 2.	Part of that part of Dorchester called "Squantum" annexed.
1856.	Apr. 24.	Part of Braintree annexed.
1885.	Apr. 16.	Bounds between Quincy and Milton established, and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1888.	May 17.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1888.	June 11.	Act of May 17, 1888, accepted by the town.

Randolph, Norfolk County.

1793.	Mar. 9.	**Incorporated as a town**, from part of Braintree with a proviso that certain estates of remonstrants be allowed to remain in Braintree.
1811.	June 22.	Estates of Samuel Chessman and Levi Thayer, remonstrants, under act of Mar. 9, 1793, re-annexed.
1861.	Mar. 21.	Bounds between Randolph and Abington established.
1872.	Feb. 29.	Part established as Holbrook.
1889.	Apr. 16.	Part annexed to Avon.

Raynham, Bristol County.

1731.	Apr. 2.*	**Established as a town**, from part of Taunton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 590.)
1866.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Raynham and Taunton established.

Reading, Middlesex County.

1644.	May 29.*	Established from part of Lynn—"It is ordered, that Linn village, . . . shalbe called Redding." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 73.)
1644.	May 29.*	Bounds between Reading and Woburn established.
1651.	Oct. 14.*	Land granted to Reading.
1727.	June 3.*	Part of Malden annexed.
1730.	Sept. 25.*	Part included in the new town of Wilmington.
1734.	Dec. 21.*	Part annexed to Stoneham.
1751.	Apr. 5.*	Bounds between Reading and Stoneham established.
1753.	Dec. 18.	Bounds between Reading and Malden established.
1812.	Feb. 25.	Part of Reading established as South Reading.[1]
1813.	June 16.	Part of South Reading annexed.
1853.	Mar. 22.	Part established at North Reading.
1854.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Reading and Lynnfield established.
1905.	May 2.	Bounds between Reading and Lynnfield established.
1934.	Apr. 27.	Bounds between Reading and Woburn established.
1947.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Reading and Lynnfield established.

Rehoboth, Bristol County.

1645.	June 4.*	**Established as a town**—"That Seacunck be called Rehoboath". (Ply. Col. Rec. XI, p. 46.)
1649.	June 6.*	Bounds to be established.
1667.	Oct. 30.*	Part included in the new town of Wannamoisett.[1]

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Rehoboth, Bristol County—Continued.

1668.	June 3.*	Certain lands annexed.
1670.	Aug. 11.*	Bounds between Rehoboth and Swansea established.
1671.	July 5.*	The land called "North Purchase" granted to Rehoboth.
1682.	July 7.*	Bounds established.
1694.	Oct. 19.*	Part called the "North Purchase" established as Attleborough.
1697.	Sept. 10.*	Bounds between Rehoboth and Attleborough established.
1710.	June 26.*	Part called "Mile & Half of Land", set off to Attleborough.
1735.	Dec. 23.*	A gore of land annexed.
1747.	Feb. 5.*	Part of that part of Barrington remaining within this province annexed.
1812.	Feb. 26.	Part established as Seekonk.

REVERE, Suffolk County.

1871.	Mar. 24.	Name of the town of North Chelsea[1] to be Revere upon acceptance by the town.
1871.	Apr. 3.	Act of Mar. 24, 1871, accepted by the town.
1914.	June 19.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1914.	Nov. 3.	Act of June 19, 1914, accepted by the town.

Richmond, Berkshire County.

1785.	Mar. 3.	Name of the town of Richmont[1] changed to Richmond.
1834.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Richmond and West Stockbridge established.

Rochester, Plymouth County.

1686.	June 4.*	**Established as a town**—The Court granted the desires of the ". . . inhabitants of Scippican, alias Rochester to become a township . . .". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. VI, p. 189.)
1714.	June 11.*	Bounds between Rochester and Tiverton established.
1739.	July 10.*	Part included in the new town of Wareham.
1836.	Apr. 9.	Part annexed to Fairhaven and bounds established.
1852.	May 14.	Part established as Marion.
1853.	Apr. 8.	Bounds between Rochester and Marion established.
1857.	May 20.	Part established as Mattapoisett.
1864.	Apr. 20.	Bounds between Rochester and Wareham established.
1866.	Feb. 15.	Bounds between Rochester and Wareham established.
1887.	June 3.	Bounds between Rochester and Wareham established.
1939.	June 12.	Bounds between Rochester and Wareham established.

Rockland, Plymouth County.

1874.	Mar. 9.	**Incorporated as a town**, from part of Abington.
1878.	Mar. 23.	Bounds between Rockland and Hanover established, and part of each town annexed to the other town.

Rockport, Essex County.

1840.	Feb. 27.	**Incorporated as a town** from part of Gloucester.

Rowe, Franklin County.

1785.	Feb. 9.	**Incorporated as a town**, from land called "Myrifield" and lands adjoining.
1822.	Feb. 21.	Part included in the new town of Monroe.
1838.	Apr. 2.	Part of the unincorporated land called "Zoar" annexed.

Rowley, Essex County.

1639.	Sept. 4.*	"Mr. Ezechi: Rogers plantation shalbee called Rowley." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 271.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Rowley, Essex County—Continued.

1640.	May 13.*	Bounds fixed.
1640.	Oct. 7.*	Additional grant of land to Rowley.
1649.	May 4*	One-fifth of Plum Island granted to Rowley.
1656.	May 14.*	Bounds between Rowley and Newbury established.
1668.	May 27.*	". . . inhabitants of Rouley liuing ouer against Hauerill, the Court, . . ." granted them the right to establish a village. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 380.)
1685.	Aug. 12.*	Part established as township of Rowley village and bounds established.
1701.	Feb. 24.*	Bounds between Rowley and Bradford established.
1785.	Nov. 29.	Part of Ipswich annexed.
1808.	June 10.	Part annexed to Boxford.
1810.	June 13.	Part annexed to Boxford.
1825.	June 18.	Bounds between Rowley and Boxford established.
1838.	Apr. 21.	Part established as Georgetown.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Rowley and Boxford established.
1904.	Mar. 19.	Bounds between Rowley and Ipswich established.
1905.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Rowley and Newbury established.
1931.	June 9.	Bounds between Rowley and Newbury established.

Royalston, Worcester County.

1765.	Feb. 19.	**Established as a town,** formerly a tract of land known by the name of "Royalshire". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 738.)
1780.	June 17.	Part annexed to Winchendon.
1783.	Oct. 15.	Part included in the new district of Orange.
1799.	Feb. 26.	Parts of Athol and Gerry annexed.
1803.	Mar. 7.	Part of Athol annexed.
1837.	Mar. 29.	Bounds between Royalston and Phillipston established.

Russell, Hampden County.

1792.	Feb. 25.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of that part of Westfield called the "New Addition" and from part of Montgomery.
1809.	Feb. 22.	Bounds between Russell and Blandford established.
1914.	June 3.	Bounds between Russell and Montgomery established.

Rutland, Worcester County.

1714.	Feb. 23.*	**Established as a town,** formerly a tract of land purchased from the Indians named "Naquag". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 842.)
1715.	Dec. 1.*	Original grant of land to Rutland, confirmed.
1722.	June 18.*	To enjoy all the power and privileges of other towns.
1753.	Apr. 12.	Part established as the Rutland District.
1759.	Oct. 20.	Part included in the district of Princeton.
1762.	June 7.	Part established as the district of Oakham.
1765.	Feb. 12.	Part included in the new town of Paxton.
1767.	June 13.	Part established as the district of Hubbardston.
1772.	July 14.	Part adjudged to belong to the district of Paxton.
1829.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Rutland and Paxton established.
1851.	May 24.	Part annexed to Paxton.

SALEM, Essex County.

1630.	Aug. 23.*	Mentioned ". . . Mattapan and Salem only exempted". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 73.)
1635.	Mar. 4.*	Bounds between Salem and Saugus[1] and Salem and Marble Harbor to be established.
1637.	Nov. 20.*	Bounds between Salem and "Saugust" to be certified.
1639.	Mar. 13.*	Bounds between Salem and Lynn established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

SALEM, Essex County—Continued.

1639.	Nov. 5.*	Land granted to inhabitants of Salem to establish Salem Village. Marginal note reads: "Land graunted to Salem Village, now Wenham" (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 279.)
1640.	May 13.*	Grant of land to inhabitants of Salem for a village at "Jeffryes Creeke".
1645.	May 14.*	Part called "Jeffryes Creeke"[1] established as Manchester.
1649.	May 2.*	Part established as Marblehead.
1658.	Oct. 19.*	Bounds between Salem and Topsfield established.
1660.	Oct. 16.*	Certain islands known by the name of the "Miserjes & Bakers Island", granted to Salem.
1664.	May 29.*	Bounds between Salem and Topsfield established.
1668.	Nov. 7.*	Part called "Bass River" established as Beverly.
1728.	June 20.*	Part included in the new town of Middleton.
1752.	Jan. 28.*	Part established as the district of Danvers.
1753.	Sept. 11.	Part annexed to Beverly.
1836.	Mar. 23.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1836.	Apr. 4.	Act of Mar. 23, 1836, accepted by the town.
1840.	Mar. 17.	Bounds between Salem and Danvers established.
1856.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Salem and South Danvers established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1867.	Apr. 3.	Part annexed to Swampscott.
1882.	Mar. 27.	Part of Peabody annexed.

Salisbury, Essex County.

1640.	Oct. 7.*	Name of the town of Colechester[1] changed, "Colechester is henceforward to bee called Salsbury". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 305.)
1641.	June 2.*	Bounds between "Salsberry & Pantucket, ali: Haverell" established.
1648.	May 13.*	A certain island granted to Salisbury.
1654.	Nov. 1.*	Bounds between Salisbury and Haverhill established.
1666.	May 23.*	Part established as Salisbury new town.
1844.	Mar. 15.	Part called "Little Salisbury" annexed to Amesbury.
1886.	June 16.	Part annexed to Amesbury.
1886.	July 1.	Act of June 16, 1886, took effect.

Sandisfield, Berkshire County.

1762.	Mar. 6.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Number Three". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 531.)
1819.	Feb. 8.	District of Southfield and the town of Sandisfield united as the town of Sandisfield.
1838.	Apr. 9.	Part of unincorporated land called "East Eleven Thousand Acres" annexed.
1853.	May 4.	Bounds between Sandisfield and Tolland established.
1855.	May 15.	Bounds between Sandisfield and Tolland established.
1875.	Apr. 24.	Part annexed to Monterey.
1875.	June 1.	Act of Apr. 24, 1875, took effect.

Sandwich, Barnstable County.

1638.	Mar. 6.*	Certain persons were ordered to ". . . goe to Sanditch, and set forth their bounds of the lands graunted to them". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 80.)
1652.	Mar. 2.*	Bounds between Sandwich and Barnstable to be established.
1662.	June 10.*	Bounds between Sandwich and Barnstable to be established.
1670.	June 7.*	Bounds between Sandwich and Plymouth as established Jan. 19,* 1663, ordered to be recorded.
1672.	Oct. 29.*	Bounds between Sandwich and Barnstable established.
1681.	July 7.*	Bounds between Sandwich and "Suckanesset" established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Sandwich, Barnstable County—Continued.

1684.	Oct. 28.*	Bounds established.
1735.	Nov. 28.*	Bounds between Sandwich and lands of the proprietors of Mashpee confirmed.
1811.	Feb. 26.	Part of the plantation of "Marshpee" annexed.
1859.	Apr. 1.	Part of the district of "Marshpee" annexed.
1860.	Mar. 13.	Part of the district of "Marshpee" annexed.
1872.	Mar. 19.	Part re-annexed to Mashpee.
1880.	Mar. 19.	Bounds between Sandwich and Falmouth established.
1884.	Apr. 2.	Part established as Bourne.
1887.	May 27.	Bounds between Sandwich and Mashpee established and part annexed to Mashpee.
1905.	Apr. 20.	Bounds between Sandwich and Mashpee established and part annexed to Mashpee.
1916.	Apr. 24.	Part annexed to Barnstable.

Saugus, Essex County.

1815.	Feb. 17.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Lynn.
1841.	Feb. 22.	Part of Chelsea annexed.
1901.	May 17.	Bounds between Saugus and Lynnfield established.
1933.	June 27.	Part annexed to Wakefield.
1933.	July 11.	Act of June 27, 1933, accepted by Wakefield.
1933.	Sept. 18.	Act of June 27, 1933, accepted by the town.

Savoy, Berkshire County.

1797.	Feb. 20.	**Incorporated as a town.** Lands as described in the Act are shown on a Map on file in the Mass. Archives as plantation "Number Six". (Maps and Plans, Third Series, Vol. 13, p. 19.)

Scituate, Plymouth County.

1633.	July 1.*	Mentioned. ". . . between the brooke at Scituate, . . . ". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. I, p. 13.)
1636.	Oct. 4*. 5.*	The town of Scituate authorized to dispose of lands. (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. I, p. 44.)
1640.	Nov. 30.*	Land granted to Scituate.
1643.	Mar. 7.*	Bounds established.
1727.	June 14.*	Part included in the new town of Hanover.
1782.	Nov. 8.	Bounds between Scituate and Marshfield established.
1788.	Mar. 10.	Part annexed to Marshfield.
1823.	June 14.	Part annexed to Cohasset.
1840.	Mar. 20.	Bounds between Scituate and Cohasset established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1849.	Feb. 14.	Part established as South Scituate.[1]
1887.	May 11.	Bounds between Scituate and Marshfield established.
1897.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Scituate and Cohasset established.
1897.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Scituate and Hingham established.
1928.	Mar. 23.	Bounds between Scituate and Marshfield established.

Seekonk, Bristol County.

1812.	Feb. 26.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Rehoboth.
1861.	Apr. 10.	Part of Pawtucket and so much of the territory over which Seekonk may have claimed or exercised actual jurisdiction, lying east of a conventional line to be determined by the U. S. Supreme Court, after the entry of the decree of said court, to be part of Seekonk.
1862.	Jan. 29.	Territory named in the act of April 10, 1861, established as a municipal district by the name of East Seekonk. Said district of East Seekonk to cease "So soon as the proper town officers of the future town of Seekonk shall have been elected and qualified".

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Sharon, Norfolk County.

1783.	Feb. 25.	Name changed to Sharon, formerly the incorporated town Stoughtonham.[1]
1789.	Feb. 16.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1792.	Feb. 22.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1793.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Sharon and Foxborough established and part of Sharon annexed to Foxborough.
1804.	Feb. 28.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1811.	June 21.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1833.	Jan. 30.	Bounds between Sharon and Foxborough established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1850.	Feb. 28.	Part annexed to Foxborough.
1864.	Mar. 26.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1874.	May 1.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1899.	Mar. 24.	Bounds between Sharon and Canton established.
1924.	Apr. 28.	Bounds between Sharon and Stoughton established.

Sheffield, Berkshire County.

1733.	Jan. 22.*	**Established as a town,** formerly the lands in the lower plantation called "Houssat [o][a] nn [o][i]ck". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 673.)
1753.	June 19.	Certain lands lying west of Sheffield annexed.
1760.	Jan. 21.	Certain estates annexed.
1761.	June 30.	Part established as Great Barrington.
1790.	Feb. 22.	Part annexed to Egremont.
1795.	June 19.	Part annexed to New Marlborough.
1798.	Feb. 7.	Part annexed to New Marlborough.
1824.	Feb. 16.	Part annexed to Egremont.
1869.	June 4.	Bounds between Sheffield and Egremont established.
1871.	Apr. 19.	Part annexed to New Marlborough and bounds established.

Shelburne, Franklin County.

1768.	June 21.	Established as a district by the name of Shelburne, from part of Deerfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 1013.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1781.	Feb. 19.	Part annexed to Conway.
1793.	Mar. 19.	Certain tract of land between Shelburne and North River annexed.

Sherborn, Middlesex County.

1674.	Oct. 7.*	**Established as a town.** More land granted the petitioners and proprietors of land at or near "Boggestow", ". . . the name of the place to be called Sherborne". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 23.)
1679.	Apr. 16.*	Exchange of land made between the two towns of "Sherborne" and "Naticke".
1679.	May 30.*	Return of the exchange of land of Apr. 16,* 1679, confirmed.
1684.	May 17.*	The grant of land made to the inhabitants at or near "Boggestow" confirmed and the name of the town to be Sherborne.
1700.	July 11.*	Part annexed to Framingham.
1710.	June 16.*	Bounds between Sherborn and Framingham established.
1724.	Dec. 3.*	Part of the town of "Sherburn" established as Holliston.
1792.	Mar. 3.	Bounds between "Sherburn" and Medway established.
1820.	Feb. 7.	Part of "Sherburne" annexed to Natick.
1852.	May 3.	The corporate name of the town of "Sherburne" changed to Sherborn.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Sherborn, Middlesex County—Continued.

1924.	Apr. 12.	Part annexed to Framingham if the act is accepted by the town.
1925.	Jan. 1.	Act of Apr. 12, 1924, took effect.

Shirley, Middlesex County.

1753.	Jan. 5.	Established as a district by the name of Shirley, from part of Groton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 637.)
1765.	Jan. 25.	Certain land known as "Stow Leg" annexed.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1798.	Feb. 6.	Part of Groton annexed.
1846.	Mar. 3.	Bounds between Shirley and Lunenburg established.
1848.	Apr. 23.	Bounds between Shirley and Lunenburg established.
1871.	Feb. 14.	Part included in the new town of Ayer.

Shrewsbury, Worcester County.

1720.	Dec. 6.*	A committee paid for ". . . Running the Lines of Shrewsbury, . . . W^{ch} Service they perform'd In July 1717 . . . ". (Prov. Laws, Vol. X, p. 48.)
1722.	Aug. 16.*	Shrewsbury is mentioned in a list of frontier towns.
1727.	Dec. 15.*	**Established as a town.** (Prov. Laws, Vol. XI, p. 236.)
1742.	Jan. 9.*	Part annexed to Grafton.
1762.	June 3.	Part annexed to Westborough.
1762.	Sept. 17.	Part of Lancaster annexed.
1768.	Feb. 27.	Part annexed to Lancaster.
1781.	Feb. 26.	Part of Lancaster annexed.
1786.	Mar. 1.	Part established as Boylston.
1793.	Mar. 2.	Part annexed to Westborough.
1826.	Mar. 3.	Part annexed to Grafton.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Shrewsbury and Westborough established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Shrewsbury and Grafton established.

Shutesbury, Franklin County.

1761.	June 30.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Roadtown". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 464.)
1781.	May 8.	Part included in the new town of Wendell.
1824.	Feb. 20.	Part annexed to New Salem.

Somerset, Bristol County.

1790.	Feb. 20.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Swansea known by the name of "Shewamet purchase".
1854.	Apr. 4.	Part of Dighton annexed.

SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County.

1842.	Mar. 3.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Charlestown.
1856.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Somerville and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1862.	Apr. 29.	Bounds between Somerville and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1871.	Apr. 14.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1871.	Apr. 27.	Act of Apr. 14, 1871, accepted by the town.
1891.	May 4.	Bounds between Somerville and Boston established.
1910.	Mar. 16.	Bounds between Somerville and Arlington established.

South Hadley, Hampshire County.

1753.	Apr. 12.	Established as a district by the name of South Hadley from part of Hadley. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 655.)
1768.	June 11.	Part of the district of South Hadley established as Granby.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.

South Hadley, Hampshire County—Continued.

1781.	June 28.	Bounds between South Hadley and Granby established.
1792.	Mar. 9.	Part annexed to Granby.
1824.	June 12.	Bounds between South Hadley and Granby established.
1826.	June 20.	Bounds between South Hadley and Granby established.
1827.	June 16.	Bounds between South Hadley and Granby established.

Southampton, Hampshire County.

1753.	Jan. 5.	Established as a district by the name of Southampton, from part of Northampton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 638.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1778.	Sept. 29.	Part of Northampton annexed.
1780.	Nov. 28.	Part included in the new town of Montgomery.
1785.	June 17.	Part included in the new district of Easthampton.
1792.	Mar. 6.	Part annexed to Montgomery.
1828.	Feb. 1.	Bounds between Southampton and Easthampton established.
1841.	Mar. 13.	Part annexed to Easthampton.
1850.	Apr. 4.	Part annexed to Easthampton.
1862.	Feb. 21.	Bounds between Southampton and Easthampton established.
1872.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Southampton and Westhampton established.

Southborough, Worcester County.

1727.	July 6.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Marlborough. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 428.)
1786.	Mar. 7.	Part of Framingham annexed.
1835.	Mar. 5.	Bounds between Southborough and Westborough established.
1843.	Mar. 24.	Part annexed to Marlborough.
1901.	May 16.	Bounds between Southborough and Marlborough established.

Southbridge, Worcester County.

1816.	Feb. 15.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Charlton, Dudley and Sturbridge.
1822.	Feb. 23.	Part of Dudley annexed.
1839.	Apr. 6.	Part of Sturbridge annexed.
1871.	May 4.	Bounds between Southbridge and Sturbridge established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Southbridge and Charlton established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Southbridge and Dudley established.

Southwick, Hampden County.

1770.	Nov. 7.	Established as a district by the name of Southwick from part of Westfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 75.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1779.	Oct. 6.	Part of Westfield annexed.
1837.	Mar. 20.	Bounds between Southwick and Westfield established.

Spencer, Worcester County.

1753.	Apr. 12.	Established as a district by the name of Spencer from part of Leicester. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 653.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County.

1641.	June 2.*	Mentioned—"The Answer to the Petition . . . of Springfeild, . . . claiming any iurisdiction or interest in Agawam, now Springfeild . . .'. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 320.)

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County—Continued.

1647.	Nov. 11.*	". . . Woronoko, . . . shallbe & be reputed as a part of y^e^ toune of Springfeild . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, page 224.)
1648.	Mar. —.	Certain lands annexed.
1669.	May 19.*	Part called "Woronoake" established as Westfield.
1670.	May 31.*	Bounds between Springfield and Westfield established.
1684.	May 17.*	Bounds established..
1685.	June 4.*	Bounds between Springfield and Northampton established.
1740.	Jan. 9.*	Bounds between Springfield and Suffield established.
1743.	June 3.*	Bounds btween Springfield and Suffield established.
1763.	June 15.	Part established as Wilbraham.
1774.	Feb. 23.	Part established as West Springfield.
1774.	Feb. 28.	Part called "Stony Hill" established as Ludlow.
1783.	Oct. 13.	Part established as Longmeadow.
1799.	June 11.	Part called "The Elbows" annexed to Wilbraham.
1830.	June 5.	Bounds between Springfield and Ludlow established.
1848.	Apr. 29.	Part established as Chicopee.
1852.	Apr. 12.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1852.	Apr. 21.	Act of Apr. 12, 1852, accepted by the town.
1890.	June 2.	Part of Longmeadow annexed.
1928.	Mar. 1.	Part of East Longmeadow annexed.
1945.	May 7.	Bounds between Springfield and Chicopee established.
1946.	Oct. 15.	Act of May 7, 1945, took effect.

Sterling, Worcester County.

1781.	Apr. 25.	**Established as a town,** from part of Lancaster.
1793.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Sterling and Lancaster established.
1808.	Jan. 30.	Part included in the new town of West Boylston.
1837.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Sterling and Lancaster established and part of Lancaster annexed.
1908.	Apr. 21.	Bounds between Sterling and Lancaster established.

Stockbridge, Berkshire County.

1739.	June 22.*	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "the Indian town", on Housatunnock River. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 991.)
1774.	Mar. 9.	Part established as the district of West Stockbridge.
1774.	June 17.	Bounds established.
1829.	Mar. 2.	Part annexed to West Stockbridge.
1830.	Feb. 6.	Act of Mar. 2, 1829, perfected.

Stoneham, Middlesex County.

1725.	Dec. 17.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Charlestown. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 368.)
1734.	Dec. 21.*	Part of Malden annexed.
1734.	Dec. 21.*	Part of Reading annexed.
1751.	Apr. 5.*	Bounds between Stoneham and Reading established.
1853.	Mar. 15.	Part annexed to Melrose.
1856.	Apr. 5.	Part annexed to South Reading.[1]
1889.	Mar. 13.	Part annexed to Wakefield.
1895.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between Stoneham and Melrose located and defined.
1895.	Apr. 20.	Part of Woburn annexed.

Stoughton, Norfolk County.

1726.	Dec. 22*	**Established as a town,** from part of Dorchester. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 408.)
1733.	Apr. 25.*	Part annexed to Dedham.
1737.	Dec. 10.*	Part annexed to Dedham.
1738.	Dec. 11.*	Bounds between Stoughton and Dedham established.
1752.	Nov. 25.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1753.	Mar. 30.	Part annexed to Walpole.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Stoughton, Norfolk County—Continued.

1753.	June 13.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1753.	Dec. 22.	Part annexed to Norton.
1753.	Dec. 28.	Part annexed to Wrentham.
1755.	Oct. 25.	Part annexed to Walpole.
1765.	June 21.	Part established as the district of Stoughtonham.[1]
1770.	Nov. 20.	Part annexed to Bridgewater.
1778.	June 10.	Part included in the new town of Foxborough.
1780.	June 17.	Part annexed to Dedham.
1789.	Feb. 16.	Part annexed to Sharon.
1792.	Feb. 22.	Part annexed to Sharon.
1793.	Mar. 12.	Part annexed to Foxborough.
1797.	Feb. 23.	Part established as Canton.
1798.	Feb. 8.	Part annexed to Bridgewater.
1847.	Mar. 31.	Part of Canton annexed.
1864.	Mar. 26.	Part annexed to Sharon.
1888.	Feb. 21.	Part established as Avon.
1924.	Apr. 28.	Bounds between Stoughton and Sharon established.

Stow, Middlesex County.

1683.	May 16.*	**Established as a town,** formerly a plantation between Concord and Lancaster called "Pompositticut". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 408.)
1717.	Apr. 12.*	Bounds between Stow and Concord established.
1730.	Dec. 29.*	Part of Sudbury annexed.
1732.	June 29.*	Part included in the new town of Harvard.
1783.	Feb. 25.	Part included in the new district of Boxborough.
1783.	July 11.	Bounds between Stow and Marlborough established.
1866.	Mar. 19.	Part included in the new town of Hudson.
1871.	Apr. 19.	Part included in the new town of Maynard.
1905.	May 24.	Bounds between Stow and Hudson established.

Sturbridge, Worcester County.

1738.	June 24.*	**Established as a town,** from a tract of land called "New Medfield". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 946.)
1754.	Oct. 25.	Certain lands annexed.
1792.	June 26.	Part of Charlton annexed.
1794.	June 25.	Part of a gore of land called "Middlesex Gore" annexed.
1816.	Feb. 15.	Part included in the new town of Southbridge.
1839.	Apr. 6.	Part annexed to Southbridge.
1871.	May 4.	Bounds between Sturbridge and Southbridge established.

Sudbury, Middlesex County.

1639.	Sept. 4.*	"It was ordered, that the newe plantation by Concord shalbee called Sudbury." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 271.)
1640.	May 13.*	Land granted to Sudbury.
1640.	Oct. 7.*	Called a town in this act.
1649.	May 2.*	Land granted to Sudbury.
1651.	May 13.*	Bounds between Sudbury and Watertown established.
1701.	June 13.*	Bounds between Sudbury and Framingham established
1721.	June 9.*	Certain farms annexed.
1730.	Dec. 29.*	Part annexed to Stow.
1780.	Apr. 10.	Part established as East Sudbury.[1]
1871.	Apr. 19.	Part included in the new town of Maynard.

Sunderland, Franklin County.

1718.	Nov. 12.*	Name changed. The committee managing the affairs of Swampfield[1] discharged ". . . and that the Name of the said Town be hence forward called Sunderland . . .". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IX, p. 621.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Sunderland, Franklin County—Continued.

1729.	Aug. 28.*	Land granted to Sunderland.
1740.	Jan. 2.*	Bounds between Sunderland and Hadley established.
1754.	Jan. 25.	Part established as the district of Montague.
1774.	Mar. 5.	Part established as Leverett.

Sutton, Worcester County.

1714.	Oct. 28.*	"Voted a Concurrence with the Representatives, Approving & Confirming a Survey & Plat of the Laying out the Township of Sutton." (Court Rec., Vol. IX, p. 425.)
1715.	June 21.*	Certain lands granted to the township of Sutton.
1726.	Dec. 6.*	Certain farms annexed.
1728.	June 5.*	Part annexed to Westborough.
1735.	June 14.*	Part included in the new town of Upton.
1737.	June 10.*	Part annexed to Grafton.
1742.	Jan. 9.*	Part annexed to Grafton.
1749.	Feb. 1.*	Certain bounds established.
1757.	Aug. 30.	Certain lands annexed.
1769.	June 29.	Bounds between Sutton and Uxbridge established.
1778.	Apr. 10.	The parish lately set off from Sutton and other towns established as Ward.[1]
1780.	Apr. 20.	Part annexed to Northbridge.
1789.	June 5.	A certain gore of land annexed.
1793.	Feb. 18.	Part annexed to Oxford.
1801.	Feb. 17.	Part annexed to Northbridge.
1813.	June 11.	Part established as Millbury.
1831.	June 15.	Part of Northbridge annexed.
1837.	Mar. 7.	Bounds between Sutton and Northbridge established.
1842.	Mar. 3.	Part annexed to Grafton.
1844.	Mar. 16.	Part annexed to Northbridge.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Sutton and Millbury established.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Sutton and Douglas established.

Swampscott, Essex County.

1852.	May 21.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Lynn.
1867.	Apr. 3.	Part of Salem annexed.

Swansea, Bristol County.

1668.	Mar. 5.*	Name changed. ". . . the township . . . att Wannamoisett[1] and places adjacent, shall hensforth be called and knowne by the name of Swansey." (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. IV, p. 175.)
1669.	July 5.*	A neck of land called "Papasquash Neck", excepting one hundred acres, annexed.
1670.	Aug. 11.*	Bounds between Swansea and Rehoboth established.
1679.	July 5.*	Bounds established.
1679.	Nov. 1.*	Bounds between Swansea and Mount Hope to be established.
1717.	Nov. 18.*	Part established as the town of Barrington.
1747.	Feb. 5.*	Part of that part of Barrington remaining in this province annexed.
1790.	Feb. 20.	Part known as "Shewamet purchase" established as Somerset.
1900.	Mar. 1.	"The name of the town variously spelled Swansea, Swansey and Swanzey shall be Swansea."

TAUNTON, Bristol County.

1639.	Mar. 3.*	"That Cohannett shalbe called Taunton". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. XI, p. 34.)
1640.	Mar. 3.*	Land at "Assonet" granted to Taunton.
1640.	June 19.*	Bounds established.
1672.	Oct. 29.	Certain lands granted to Taunton.
1682.	July —.	Land called "Assonet Neck" annexed.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

TAUNTON, Bristol County—Continued.

1711.	June 12.*	Part established as the town of Norton.
1712.	May 30.*	Part established as the town of Dighton.
1731.	Apr. 2.*	Part established as the town of Raynham.
1735.	Apr. 18.*	Part included in the town of Berkley.
1810.	Feb. 6.	Certain lands belonging to Taunton in Berkley annexed to Berkley.
1842.	Mar. 3.	Certain lands belonging to Taunton in Berkley annexed to Berkley.
1864.	May 11.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1864.	June 6.	Act of May 11, 1864, accepted by the town.
1866.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Taunton and Raynham established.
1867.	June 1.	Bounds between Taunton and Lakeville established.
1879.	Apr. 1.	Part annexed to Berkley.
1879.	Apr. 12.	Act of Apr. 1, 1879, accepted by Berkley and took effect.

Templeton, Worcester County.

1762.	Mar. 6.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Narragansett Number Six." (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 533.)
1785.	June 27.	Part included in the new town of Gardner.
1786.	Oct. 20.	Part included in the new town of Gerry[1].
1789.	Feb. 2.	Bounds between Templeton and Gerry established.
1892.	Apr. 5.	Part of Phillipston annexed.
1908.	Apr. 17.	Bounds between Templeton and Phillipston established.

Tewksbury, Middlesex County.

1734.	Dec. 17.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Billerica. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 739.)
1834.	Mar. 29.	Part annexed to Lowell.
1874.	June 5.	Part annexed to Lowell.
1888.	May 17.	Part annexed to Lowell.
1903.	May 21.	Bounds between Tewksbury and Andover established.
1906.	Apr. 30.	Part annexed to Lowell.

Tisbury, Dukes County.

1671.	July 8.*	"Tisbury-Towne", formerly known by the name of "Middletowne", mentioned. (New York Original Books of Letters Patent, Vol. IV, pp. 81 and 82.)
1709.	Nov. 8.*	Bounds established.
1830.	Feb. 5.	Bounds between Tisbury and Edgartown established.
1862.	Apr. 23.	Bounds between Tisbury and Edgartown established.
1882.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Tisbury and Chilmark established.
1892.	Apr. 28.	Part established as West Tisbury.
1935.	Apr. 8.	Bounds between Tisbury and Oak Bluffs re-established.

Tolland, Hampden County.

1810.	June 14.	**Incorporated as a town** from part of Granville.
1853.	May 4.	Bounds between Tolland and Sandisfield established.
1855.	May 15.	Bounds between Tolland and Sandisfield established.

Topsfield, Essex County.

1648.	Oct. 18.*	"The village at the newe medowes at Ipswich is named Toppesfeild." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 258.)
1650.	Oct. 18.*	**Established as a town.** (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 1, p. 33.)
1658.	Oct. 19.*	Bounds between Topsfield and Salem established.
1664.	May 29.*	Bounds between Topsfield and Salem established.
1694.	Feb. 28.*	Bounds between Topsfield and Ipswich established.
1701.	Feb. 25.*	Bounds between Topsfield and Boxford established.
1707.	Nov. 28.*	Bounds between Topsfield and Boxford established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Topsfield, Essex County—Continued.

1728.	June 20.*	Part included in the new town of Middleton.
1774.	Feb. 16.	Part of Ipswich annexed.
1936.	Feb. 28.	Bounds between Topsfield and Middleton established.

Townsend, Middlesex County.

1732.	June 29.*	**Established as a town,** from part of "Turkey Hills". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 643.)
1767.	Mar. 6.	Part included in the new town of Ashby.

Truro, Barnstable County.

1709.	July 16.*	**Established as a town,** formerly a tract of land called "Pawmett", to ". . . be called by the name of Truroe. . . .". (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 642.)
1714.	Oct. 21.*	Bounds between Truro and Province Lands established.
1813.	June 12.	Part annexed to Provincetown and bounds established.
1829.	Mar. 2.	Part annexed to Provincetown and bounds established.
1836.	Mar. 30.	Part annexed to Provincetown.
1837.	Feb. 22.	Bounds between Truro and Wellfleet established.

Tyngsborough, Middlesex County.

1789.	June 22.	Incorporated as a district by the name of Tyngsborough, from part of Dunstable.
1792.	Mar. 3.	Part of Dunstable annexed to the district of Tyngsborough.
1798.	Jan. 29.	Part of Dunstable annexed to the district of Tyngsborough and bounds established.
1809.	Feb. 23.	**Established as a town,** formerly the district of Tyngsborough.
1814.	June 10.	Bounds between Tyngsborough and Dunstable established.

Tyringham, Berkshire County.

1762.	Mar. 6.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Number One" (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 534.)
1811.	Feb. 27.	Part annexed to New Marlborough.
1812.	Feb. 11.	Part of New Marlborough annexed.
1847.	Apr. 12.	Part established as Monterey.

Upton, Worcester County.

1735.	June 14.*	**Established as a town,** from parts of Hopkinton, Mendon, Sutton and Uxbridge. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 764.)
1763.	Jan. 24.	Part annexed to Westborough.
1808.	Mar. 8.	Part of Hopkinton annexed.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Upton and Milford established.
1907.	May 16.	Bounds between Upton and Hopkinton established.

Uxbridge, Worcester County.

1727.	June 27.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Mendon. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 427.)
1735.	June 14.*	Part included in the new town of Upton.
1736.	June 5.*	Certain lands granted to Uxbridge.
1742.	Apr. 16.*	Certain lands annexed to Uxbridge.
1746.	June 4.*	Part of the district of New Sherborn annexed.
1754.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Uxbridge and Mendon established.
1769.	June 29.	Bounds between Uxbridge and Sutton established.
1770.	Apr. 24.	Part annexed to Mendon.
1772.	July 14.	Part established as the district of Northbridge.
1856.	Apr. 30.	Bounds between Uxbridge and Northbridge established, and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1864.	Apr. 25.	Bounds between Uxbridge and Douglas established.
1908.	Apr. 17.	Bounds between Uxbridge and Northbridge established.

Wakefield, Middlesex County.

1868.	Feb. 25.	The town of South Reading[1] shall take the name of Wakefield.
1868.	June 30.	Act of Feb. 25, 1868, took effect.
1870.	Apr. 2.	Bounds between Wakefield and Lynnfield established.
1889.	Mar. 13.	Part of Stoneham annexed.
1906.	May 9.	Bounds between Wakefield and Melrose changed and established.
1933.	June 27.	Part of Saugus annexed.
1933.	July 11.	Act of June 27, 1933, accepted by the town.
1933.	Sept. 18.	Act of June 27, 1933, accepted by Saugus.

Wales, Hampden County.

1828.	Feb. 20.	The town of South Brimfield[1] shall be named Wales.

Walpole, Norfolk County.

1724.	Dec. 10.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Dedham. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 342.)
1752.	Nov. 25.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1753.	Mar. 30.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1753.	June 13.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1755.	Oct. 25.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1778.	June 10.	Part included in the new town of Foxborough.
1784.	Feb. 12.	Part annexed to Dedham.
1804.	Feb. 28.	Part of Sharon annexed.
1811.	June 21.	Part of Sharon annexed and part of Dedham re-annexed.
1833.	Mar. 27.	Part of Foxborough annexed.
1834.	Mar. 28.	Part of Foxborough annexed.
1852.	Apr. 30.	Part of Dedham annexed.
1870.	Feb. 23.	Part included in the new town of Norfolk.
1872.	Feb. 23.	Part included in the new town of Norwood.
1872.	Feb. 27.	Bounds between Walpole and Dover established.
1874.	May 1.	Part of Sharon annexed.
1903.	May 23.	Bounds between Walpole and Foxborough established.
1903.	May 27.	Bounds between the town of Medfield and the towns of Dover, Walpole and Norfolk established.
1904.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Walpole and Dover established.
1927.	Mar. 28.	Bounds between Walpole and Dover established.
1927.	Mar. 28.	Bounds between Walpole and Norfolk established.
1937.	Mar. 29.	Bounds between Walpole and Foxborough established.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County.

1738.	Jan. 4.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Watertown. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 919.)
1755.	June 4.	Part of Cambridge annexed.
1766.	June 25.	Bounds between Waltham and Weston established.
1849.	Apr. 16.	Part of Newton annexed.
1859.	Mar. 18.	Part included in the new town of Belmont.
1884.	June 2.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1884.	July 16.	Act of June 2, 1884, accepted by the town.
1895.	Apr. 4.	Bounds between Waltham and Lexington located and defined.
1939.	Mar. 22.	Bounds between Waltham and Belmont established.

Ware, Hampshire County.

1761.	Nov. 25.	Incorporated as a district by the name of Ware, formerly, the Ware River Parish[1] and a certain tract of land in Palmer. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 486.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1823.	Feb. 8.	Parts of Brookfield and Western annexed.
1910.	Apr. 29.	Bounds between Ware and Palmer established.

[1] See "Extinct Places"

Ware, Hampshire County—Continued.

1927.	Apr. 26.	Parts of Enfield and Greenwich annexed.
1938.	Apr. 26.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	Apr. 28.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Wareham, Plymouth County.

1739.	July 10.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Rochester and a plantation in Plymouth called "Agawam". (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 992.)
1827.	Jan. 20.	Parts of Carver and Plymouth annexed.
1859.	Feb. 18.	Bounds between Wareham and Marion established.
1864.	Apr. 20.	Bounds between Wareham and Rochester established.
1866.	Feb. 13.	Bounds between Wareham and Marion established.
1866.	Feb. 15.	Bounds between Wareham and Rochester established.
1887.	June 3.	Bounds between Wareham and Rochester established.
1897.	Apr. 14.	Bounds between Wareham and Bourne established.
1897.	Apr. 23.	Bounds between Wareham and Marion established.
1901.	May 16.	Bounds between Wareham and Carver established.
1909.	Mar. 1.	Bounds between Wareham and Marion established.
1939.	June 12.	Bounds between Wareham and Rochester established.
1939.	June 12.	Bounds between Wareham and Marion established.

Warren, Worcester County.

1834.	Mar. 13.	The name of the town of Western[1] shall be Warren.

Warwick, Franklin County.

1763.	Feb. 17.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Roxbury Canada" with sundry farms lying therein, and certain lands belonging to this province. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 604.)
1783.	Oct. 15.	Part included in the new town of Orange.

Washington, Berkshire County.

1777.	Apr. 12.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Hartwood", with several contiguous grants. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 635.)
1777.	Oct. 21.	Part included in the new town of Lee.
1783.	Mar. 12.	Part included in the new town of Middlefield.
1795.	Jan. 31.	Part annexed to Lenox.
1802.	Feb. 18.	Part annexed to Lenox.
1806.	Mar. 7.	Part annexed to Lee and the line between Washington and Lee established.

Watertown, Middlesex County.

1630.	Sept. 7.*	**Established as a town**—"It is ordered, . . . & the towne vpon Charles Ryver, Waterton." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 75.)
1635.	Apr. 7.*	Bounds between Watertown and New Towne established.
1638.	June 8.*	Bounds between Watertown, Concord and Dedham established.
1639.	Mar. 13.*	Bounds between Watertown and Cambridge established.
1639.	May 22.*	Bounds between Watertown and Dedham established.
1651.	May 13.*	Bounds between Watertown and Sudbury established.
1651.	May 13.*	Bounds between Watertown and Concord established.
1713.	Jan. 1.*	Part established as Weston.
1738.	Jan. 4.*	Part established as Waltham.
1754.	Apr. 19.	Part annexed to Cambridge and bounds established.
1855.	Apr. 27.	Part annexed to Cambridge.
1859.	Mar. 18.	Part included in the new town of Belmont.
1885.	Mar. 10.	Part annexed to Cambridge.
1898.	Mar. 9.	Bounds between Watertown and Cambridge established, and part of each place annexed to the other place.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Watertown, Middlesex County—Continued.

1903. May 23. Bounds between Watertown and Belmont established.
1911. Apr. 29. Bounds between Watertown and Belmont established.
1922. Mar. 24. Bounds between Watertown and Belmont, and Watertown and Cambridge established.

Wayland, Middlesex County.

1835. Mar. 11. The name of the town of East Sudbury[1] shall be Wayland.
1850. Apr. 26. Bounds between Wayland and Natick established.

Webster, Worcester County.

1832. Mar. 6. **Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Dudley and Oxford and certain territory in the county of Worcester.
1841. Feb. 27. Bounds between Webster and Douglas established.

Wellesley, Norfolk County.

1881. Apr. 6. **Incorporated as a town,** from part of Needham.

Wellfleet, Barnstable County.

1763. June 16. Incorporated as a district by the name of Wellfleet, from part of Easton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 664.)
1775. Aug. 23. **Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1837. Feb. 22. Bounds between Wellfleet and Truro established.
1847. Apr. 26. Part of Eastham annexed.
1887. May 6. Bounds between the tidewaters of Wellfleet and Eastham established.

Wendell, Franklin County.

1781. May 8. **Incorporated as a town,** from part of Shutesbury and certain land called "Ervingshire."
1803. Feb. 28. Part of Montague and a gore of land annexed.

Wenham, Essex County.

1643. Sept. 7.* **Established as a town,** "It is ordered, that Enon shalbee called Wennam. Wennam is granted to bee a towne, . . ." . (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 44.)
1679. May 28.* Bounds between Wenham and Beverly and "the village" established.
1905. May 1. Bounds between Wenham and Hamilton established.

West Boylston, Worcester County.

1808. Jan. 30. **Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Boylston, Holden and Sterling.
1820. Feb. 10. Part of Boylston annexed.
1820. June 17. Part of Boylston annexed.
1905. May 2. Bounds between West Boylston and Boylston established.

West Bridgewater, Plymouth County.

1822. Feb. 16. **Incorporated as a town,** from part of Bridgewater.
1825. Jan. 26. Bounds between West Bridgewater and North Bridgewater established.
1893. May 8. Part annexed to Brockton, if the act is accepted by Brockton.
1893. Nov. 7. Act of May 8, 1893, accepted by Brockton.
1894. Mar. 1. Act of May 8, 1893, took effect.

West Brookfield, Worcester County.

1848. Mar. 3. **Incorporated as a town,** from part of Brookfield.
1910. May 13. Bounds between West Brookfield and Brookfield established.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

West Brookfield, Worcester County—Continued.

1911.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between West Brookfield and New Braintree established.
1911.	Apr. 24.	Bounds between West Brookfield and North Brookfield established.

West Newbury, Essex County.

1820.	June 14.	The name of the town of Parsons[1] shall hereafter be called and known by the name of West Newbury.
1904.	Apr. 22.	Bounds between West Newbury and Groveland established.

West Springfield, Hampden County.

1774.	Feb. 23.	**Established as a town,** from part of Springfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 335.)
1802.	Mar. 3.	Part of Westfield annexed.
1850.	Mar. 14.	Part established as Holyoke.
1855.	May 17.	Part established as Agawam.

West Stockbridge, Berkshire County.

1774.	Mar. 9.	Established as a district by the name of West Stockbridge from part of Stockbridge. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 325.)
1774.	June 17.	Bounds established.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town** by general act, under which districts became towns.
1793.	Mar. 2.	Gore of land annexed.
1829.	Mar. 2.	Part of Stockbridge annexed.
1830.	Feb. 6.	Act of Mar. 2, 1829, perfected.
1834.	Mar. 27.	Bounds between West Stockbridge and Richmond established.
1847.	Mar. 17.	Part annexed to Alford.

West Tisbury, Dukes County.

1892.	Apr. 28.	**Incorporated as a town** from part of Tisbury.

Westborough, Worcester County.

1717.	Nov. 18.*	**Established as a town** from part of Marlborough called "Chauncey". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IX, p. 561.)
1728.	June 5.*	Part of Sutton annexed.
1762.	June 3.	Part of Shrewsbury annexed.
1763.	Jan. 24.	Part of Upton annexed.
1766.	Jan. 24.	Part established as the district of Northborough.
1793.	Mar. 2.	Part of Shrewsbury annexed.
1835.	Mar. 5.	Bounds between Westborough and Southborough established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Westborough and Shrewsbury established.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Westborough and Grafton established.

WESTFIELD, Hampden County.

1669.	May 19.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Springfield called "Woronoake". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 432.)
1670.	May 31.*	Bounds between Westfield and Springfield established.
1701.	June 4.*	Certain land granted to Westfield and bounds established between Westfield and Northampton.
1713.	Feb. 23.*	Land granted to Westfield.
1770.	Nov. 7.	Part established as the district of Southwick.
1779.	Oct. 6.	Part annexed to Southwick.
1780.	Nov. 28.	Part of that part called the "New Addition" included in the new town of Montgomery.
1792.	Feb. 25.	Part of that part called the "New Addition" included in the new town of Russell.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

WESTFIELD, Hampden County—Continued.

1802.	Mar. 3.	Part annexed to West Springfield.
1837.	Mar. 20.	Bounds between Westfield and Southwick established.
1920.	Apr. 9.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1920.	Nov. 2.	Act of Apr. 9, 1920, accepted by the town.

Westford, Middlesex County.

1729.	Sept. 23.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Chelmsford, to be called ". . . by the name of Wesford . . ." (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 528.)
1730.	Sept. 10.*	Part of Groton annexed.

Westhampton, Hampshire County.

1778.	Sept. 29.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Northampton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 900.)
1872.	Mar. 12.	Bounds between Westhampton, and Easthampton, Northampton and Southampton established.

Westminster, Worcester County.

1759.	Oct. 20.	Established as a district by the name of Westminster formerly, ". . . called the proprietors of Narragansett township, Number Two, . . .". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 265.)
1770.	Apr. 26.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly the district of Westminster. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 50.)
1783.	Feb. 26.	Certain land formerly assessed by Westminster, annexed to Fitchburg.
1785.	June 27.	Part included in the new town of Gardner.
1796.	Feb. 27.	Part of Fitchburg annexed.
1813.	Feb. 16.	Part of Fitchburg annexed.
1824.	Jan. 28.	Part annexed to Ashburnham.
1838.	Apr. 10.	Part of the unincorporated lands called "No Town" annexed.
1870.	Apr. 22.	Part annexed to Princeton.
1908.	Apr. 17.	Bounds between Westminster and Gardner established.

Weston, Middlesex County.

1713.	Jan. 1.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Watertown commonly called "the Farms". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 812.)
1754.	Apr. 19.	Part included in the new town of Lincoln.
1766.	June 25.	Bounds between Weston and Waltham established.

Westport, Bristol County.

1787.	July 2.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Dartmouth.
1793.	Feb. 25.	Part of Dartmouth annexed.
1795.	Feb. 28.	Part of Dartmouth annexed.
1805.	Mar. 4.	Part of Dartmouth annexed.
1828.	Feb. 20.	Bounds between Westport and Dartmouth established.
1861.	Apr. 10.	Certain lands lying east and south of line described to become part of Westport after the entry of a decree of the U. S. Supreme Court concerning the Rhode Island boundary.
1894.	June 14.	Bounds between Westport and Fall River located and defined.

Westwood, Norfolk County.

1897.	Apr. 2.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Dedham.

Weymouth, Norfolk County.

1635.	Sept. 2.*	"The name of Wessaguscus is also changed, & hereafter to be called Waymothe." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 156.)

Weymouth, Norfolk County—Continued.

1635.	Sept. 3.*	Bounds between Weymouth and Hingham established.
1637.	Mar. 9.*	"Round Island" and "Grape Island" granted to Weymouth.
1847.	Mar. 31.	Bounds between Weymouth and Abington established.

Whately, Franklin County.

1771.	Apr. 24.	**Established as a town,** from part of Hatfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 122.)
1810.	Mar. 5.	Part of Deerfield annexed.
1811.	June 21.	Bounds between Whately and Conway established.
1849.	Feb. 2.	Bounds between Whately and Williamsburg established.

Whitman, Plymouth County.

1886.	Mar. 5.	The town of South Abington[1] may take the name of Standish, Brainard, Whitman or Grandon.
1886.	May 3.	Name of South Abington[1] changed to Whitman.

Wilbraham, Hampden County.

1763.	June 15.	**Established as a town,** from part of Springfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 644.)
1799.	June 11.	Part of Springfield called "The Elbows" annexed.
1878.	Mar. 28.	Part established as Hampden.

Williamsburg, Hampshire County.

1771.	Apr. 24.	Incorporated as a district by the name of "Williamsburgh" from part of Hatfield and certain adjoining lands. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 125.)
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1795.	June 24.	Bounds between Williamsburg and Chesterfield and Goshen established.
1797.	Feb. 7.	Bounds between Williamsburg and Chesterfield and Goshen established.
1810.	Feb. 16.	Bounds between Williamsburg and Chesterfield and Goshen established.
1845.	Mar. 14.	Bounds between Williamsburg and Hatfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1846.	Mar. 19.	Bounds between Williamsburg and Hatfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1849.	Feb. 2.	Bounds between Williamsburg and Whately established.

Williamstown, Berkshire County.

1765.	June 21.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "West Hoosuck". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 809.)
1838.	Apr. 9.	Certain unincorporated lands annexed.
1900.	Apr. 25.	Bounds between Williamstown and North Adams established and part annexed to North Adams.

Wilmington, Middlesex County.

1730.	Sept. 25.*	**Established as a town,** from parts of Reading and Woburn. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 556.)
1733.	June 13.*	Part of Billerica annexed.
1737.	Dec. 23.*	Bounds between Wilmington and Billerica established.

Winchendon, Worcester County.

1764.	June 14.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Ipswich-Canada". (Prov. Laws. Vol. IV, p. 721.)
1780.	June 17.	Part of Royalston and all the lands to the New Hampshire state line, annexed.
1785.	June 27.	Part included in the new town of Gardner.
1787.	Mar. 2.	Part of Gardner annexed.

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Winchendon, Worcester County—Continued.

1794.	Feb. 22.	Part annexed to Gardner.
1851.	May 24.	Part annexed to Gardner.
1908.	Apr. 17.	Bounds between Winchendon and Gardner established.

Winchester, Middlesex County.

1850.	Apr. 30.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Medford, West Cambridge[1] and Woburn.
1875.	May 12.	Part annexed to Woburn.

Windsor, Berkshire County.

1778.	Oct. 16.	Town of Gageborough[1] together with a tract of land annexed thereto by this act shall be known and called by the name of Windsor. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 911.)
1793.	Mar. 14.	Part included in the new town of Cheshire.
1794.	Feb. 26.	Part of Cheshire re-annexed.
1795.	Feb. 28.	Part annexed to Dalton.
1796.	Feb. 23.	Part annexed to Dalton.

Winthrop, Suffolk County.

1852.	Mar. 27.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of North Chelsea.[1]

WOBURN, Middlesex County.

1642.	Sept. 27.*	"Charlestowne village is called Wooborne." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 28.)
1644.	May 29.*	Bounds between Woburn and Reading established.
1664.	Oct. 19.*	Two thousand acres of land granted to Woburn.
1666.	Oct. 10.*	Bounds between Woburn and Billerica established.
1669.	Oct. 12.*	Bounds between Woburn and Billerica established.
1728.	Aug. 1.*	Land belonging to Woburn annexed to Lunenburg.
1730.	Sept. 25.*	Part included in the new town of Wilmington.
1741.	July 28.*	Bounds between Woburn and Billerica established.
1799.	Feb. 28.	Part established as Burlington.
1850.	Apr. 30.	Part included in the new town of Winchester.
1873.	May 12.	Part of Winchester annexed.
1888.	May 18.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1888.	May 29.	Act of May 18, 1888, accepted by the town.
1895.	Apr. 20.	Part of Woburn annexed to Stoneham.
1934.	Apr. 27.	Bounds between Woburn and Reading established.

WORCESTER, Worcester County.

1684.	Oct. 15.*	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called "Quansigamond". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 460.)
1741.	Jan. 9.*	Part called "North Worcester" established as Holden.
1743.	Apr. 5.*	Certain lands annexed.
1758.	June 2.	Part of Leicester annexed.
1778.	Apr. 10.	The parish lately set off from Worcester and other towns established as Ward[1].
1785.	June 14.	Certain lands annexed.
1838.	Mar. 22.	"Grafton Gore" annexed.
1848.	Feb. 29.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1848.	Mar. 18.	Act of Feb. 29, 1848, accepted by the town.
1907.	Feb. 11.	Bounds between Worcester and Grafton established.

Worthington, Hampshire County.

1768.	June 30.	**Established as a town,** from the new plantation called "Number Three". (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 1028.)
1783.	Mar. 12.	Part included in the new town of Middlefield.
1799.	June 21.	Part of Chester annexed.

Wrentham, Norfolk County.

1673.	Oct. 15.*	**Established as a town,** upon petition of the inhabitants of "Wollonopaug", as by agreement with Dedham. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 569.)

[1] See "Extinct Places".

Wrentham, Norfolk County—Continued.

1719.	Nov. 27.*	Part included in the new town of Bellingham.
1735.	Apr. 11.*	Bounds between Wrentham and Bellingham established.
1749.	Nov. 28.*	Part annexed to Medway.
1753.	Dec. 28.	Part of Stoughton annexed.
1778.	Mar. 2.	Part established as Franklin.
1778.	June 10.	Part included in the new town of Foxborough.
1819.	Feb. 3.	Bounds between Wrentham and Foxborough established.
1830.	Feb. 18.	Bounds between Wrentham and Attleborough established and part of Attleborough annexed.
1831.	Feb. 7.	Part annexed to Foxborough.
1870.	Feb. 23.	Part included in the new town of Norfolk.
1871.	Apr. 19.	Bounds between Wrentham and Norfolk established.
1905.	Apr. 4.	Part established as Plainville.

Yarmouth, Barnstable County.

1639.	Jan. 7.*	"The names of those to whom the graunt of the lands at Mattacheeset, now called Yarmouth . . .". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. I, p. 108.)
1641.	June 17.*	Bounds between Yarmouth and Barnstable established.
1658.	Mar. 11.*	Yarmouth and Barnstable agreed upon bounds.
1793.	June 19.	Part established as Dennis.

EXTINCT PLACES

Part 3

Extinct Places, Part 3, contains historical data relative to cities, towns and districts which no longer exist as such; also serves as a cross reference to names of certain land areas as they were called or known by in the early records.

Acushena—see Dartmouth.

Agaganquamasset—see Marlborough.

Agawam—see Springfield.

Agawam, Plantation of—see Plymouth and Wareham.

Aggawam—see Ipswich.

Alcocks Farms—see Marlborough.

Ashuelet Equivalent—see Dalton.

Assonet—see Taunton.

Assonet Neck—see Taunton.

Assowamsett Neck—see Middleborough.

Bakers Island—see Salem.

Barecove—see Hingham.

1634.	Sept. 25.*	Mentioned in the tax act. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 129.)
1635.	July 8.*	Bounds between Barecove and Wessaguscus to be set out.
1635.	Sept. 2.*	The name of Barecove is changed and hereafter to be called Hingham.

Barnardstone's Grant—see Florida.

Barrington—see Rehoboth and Swansea.

1717. Nov. 18.* **Established as a town,** from part of Swansea. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IX, p. 563.)
1747. Feb. 15.* Parts of that part of Barrington remaining in this province annexed to Rehoboth and Swansea.

Bass River—see Beverly and Salem.

Bedford—see Granville.

Bethlehem, The District of—see Louden (Extinct Places), now Otis.

1789. June 24. Incorporated as a district, formerly The North Eleven Thousand Acres, so called.
1809. June 19. The district of Bethlehem and the town of Loudon united as the town of Loudon.
1810. Mar. 1. Act of June 19, 1809, took effect.

Blue Hill Lands—see Braintree and Milton.

Boardman's Farm—see Lunenburg.

Boggestow—see Sherborn.

Boston Corner, District of,

1838. Apr. 14. A tract of unincorporated land called Boston Corner incorporated into a district by the name of Boston Corner.
1847. Mar. 12. Bounds between the district of Boston Corner and Mount Washington established.
1853. May 14. Ceded to the State of New York.

Bradford—see Haverhill.

1675. Oct. 13.* Bradford is mentioned in the Tax Act. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 56.)
1701. Feb. 24.* The boundary line ". . . agreed to by the Town of Rowley upon their setting off and alloting out of Merrimack Land (so called) being originally part of their Township, now Bradford." confirmed. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 715.)
1850. Mar. 8. Part established as Groveland.
1896. May 4. Annexed to Haverhill if the act is accepted by both places.
1896. Nov. 3. Act of May 4, 1896, accepted by both places.
1897. Jan. 4. Act of May 4, 1896, took effect.

Breusters Islands—see Hull.

Brighton—see Boston.

1807. Feb. 24. **Incorporated as a town,** from part of Cambridge.
1816. Jan. 27. Part of Cambridge annexed.
1873. May 21. Annexed to Boston.
1873. Oct. 27. Act of May 21, 1873, accepted by Brighton and Boston.
1874. Jan. 5. Act of May 21, 1873, took effect.

Bristol—see Mount Hope (Extinct places).

1681. Oct. 28.* **Established as a town,** formerly Mount Hope.

Bullock's Grant—see Florida.

Cambridge, The Northern Precinct in—see Lexington.

Cambridge Village (New Cambridge)—see Newton.

Cape Ann—see Gloucester.

1639.	Mar. 13.*	"Mr. Endecott was willed to send 3 to veiwe Cape Ann . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 253.)
1642.	May 3.*	Bounds between Cape Ann, Ipswich and Jefferies Creek, established.
1642.	May 18.*	"Cape Ann is to bee called Gloscester . . . ". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. II, p. 2.)

Cape Cod, Precinct of—see Provincetown.

Carlisle, District of—see Concord.

1754.	Apr. 19.	Established as a district by the name of Carlisle from part of Concord. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 729.)
1756.	Oct. 6.	The district of Carlisle annexed to Concord.

Charles River, Island in—see Newton.

Charles River, The Town upon—see Watertown.

CHARLESTOWN—see Boston.

1630.	Aug. 23.*	"The first Court of Assistants, holden att Charlton . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 73.)
1632.	Mar. 6.*	Bounds between Charlestown and Newetowne established.
1633.	July 2.*	Granted the land betwixte North River and the Creeke.
1635.	July 8.*	Bounds between Charlestown and Boston established.
1636.	Mar. 3.*	Bounds established, ". . . eight myles into the country from their meeteing-howse . . .".
1636.	Mar. 28.*	Bounds between Charlestown and Boston established.
1636.	Oct. 28.*	"Lovels Iland is graunted to Charlestowne pvided they imploy it for fishing by their owne townesmen, or hinder not others."
1639.	June 6.*	Bounds to be settled between Charlestown, Boston and Lynn.
1640.	May 13.*	Certain land granted ". . . two miles at their head line, . . .".
1640.	Oct. 7.*	Certain land granted ". . . 4 mile square, . . . to make a village . . .".
1641.	June 2.*	"The bounds for Charlstowne village are to bee set out . . . the contents of a 4 mile square."
1642.	Sept. 27.*	"Charlestowne village is called Wooborne."
1648.	Oct. 27.*	"The iland called Lovels Iland" granted to Charlestown "pvided, that halfe of the timber and firewood shall belong to the garrison at the Castle, . . ."
1649.	May 2.*	"Upon the petition of Mistick side men, they are granted to be a distinct towne, . . . called Mauldon."
1659.	Nov. 12.*	One thousand acres of land granted.
1663.	Oct. 21.*	Five hundred acres of land granted.
1664.	Oct. 19.*	Grant of Nov. 12,* 1659, renewed.
1666.	Oct. 10.*	Grant of Oct. 21,* 1663, confirmed.
1725.	Dec. 17.*	Part established as Stoneham.
1726.	June 7.*	Part annexed to Malden.
1754.	Apr. 18.	Part annexed to Medford.
1754.	Apr. 20.	Part annexed to Medford.
1761.	Apr. 18.	Part of Cambridge annexed.
1802.	Mar. 6.	Part annexed to Cambridge.
1811.	June 21.	Part of Medford annexed.
1818.	Feb. 12.	Part annexed to Cambridge.
1820.	June 17.	Part annexed to Cambridge.
1842.	Feb. 25.	Part annexed to West Cambridge.
1842.	Mar. 3.	Part incorporated as the town of Somerville.
1847.	Feb. 22.	**Incorporated as a city.**
1847.	Mar. 10.	Act of Feb. 22, 1847, accepted by the town.

CHARLESTOWN—See Boston—Continued.

1873.	May 14.	Annexed to Boston.
1873.	Oct. 7.	Act of May 14, 1873, accepted by Charlestown and Boston.
1874.	Jan. 5.	Act of May 14, 1873, took effect.

Charleston Village—see Charlestown (Extinct Places) and Woburn.

Charlton—see Charlestown.

Chauncy—see Marlborough, and Westborough.

Chesterfield Gore, Plantation called—see Goshen.

Coaksett—see Dartmouth.

Cochicawick—see Andover.

Cohannett—see Taunton.

Cold Spring, the Plantation called—see Belchertown.

Colechester—see Salisbury.

1639.	Sept. 4.*	"The other plantation beyond Merrimack shalbee called Colechester." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 271.)
1639.	Nov. 5.*	Called a town. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 277.)
1640.	Oct. 7.*	"Colechester is henceforward to bee called Salsbury." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 305.)

Conihasset—see Hingham.

Cottage City—see Oak Bluffs.

1880.	Feb. 17.	**Incorporated as town,** from part of Edgartown.
1907.	Jan. 25.	Corporate name changed to Oak Bluffs.

Dana—see Petersham.

1801.	Feb. 18.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Greenwich, Hardwick and Petersham.
1803.	Feb. 12.	Bounds between Dana and Petersham established.
1811.	June 19.	Bounds between Dana and Greenwich established.
1842.	Feb. 4.	Parts of Hardwick and Petersham annexed.
1882.	Apr. 10.	Bounds between Dana and Petersham established.
1911.	May 4.	Bounds between Dana and Greenwich established.
1927.	Apr. 26.	All of Dana annexed to Petersham.
1938.	Apr. 26.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	Apr. 28.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Deere Illand—see Boston.

Dorchester—see Boston.

1630.	Sept. 7.*	It was ordered that Mattapan be called Dorchester. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 75.)
1635.	Mar. 4.*	Thompson's Island granted to Dorchester.
1636.	Mar. 28.*	Bounds between Dorchester and Boston established.
1638.	May 17.*	Bounds between Dorchester and Dedham established.
1641.	June 2.*	"Squantums Neck & Mennens Moone" annexed.
1659.	Nov. 12.*	One thousand acres of land granted Dorchester.
1662.	May 7.*	Part established as Milton.
1726.	Dec. 22.*	Part established as Stoughton.
1728.	Aug. 1.*	Land belonging to Dorchester annexed to Lunenburg.
1739.	June 7.*	Part of Dedham annexed.
1792.	Feb. 22.	Part of that part called "Squantum and the farms" annexed to Quincy.
1804.	Mar. 6.	Part annexed to Boston.

Dorchester, See Boston—Continued.

1814.	Feb. 10.	Part of that part called "Squantum and the farms" annexed to Quincy.
1819.	Feb. 12.	Part annexed to Quincy.
1820.	Feb. 21.	Bounds between Dorchester and Quincy established and part of that part called "Squantum" annexed.
1831.	June 17.	Part of Dedham annexed.
1834.	Mar. 25.	Thompson's Island set off and annexed to Boston.
1855.	May 2.	Part of that part called "Squantum" annexed to Quincy.
1855.	May 21.	Part annexed to Boston.
1868.	Apr. 22.	Part included in the new town of Hyde Park.
1868.	May 1.	Act of Apr. 22, 1868, amended and bounds established.
1869.	June 4.	Annexed to Boston.
1869.	June 22.	Act of June 4, 1869, accepted by Dorchester and Boston.
1870.	Jan. 3.	Act of June 4, 1869, took effect.

Dorchester—Canada, Plantation of—see Ashburnham.

Duxborrow, New Plantation—see Bridgewater and Duxbury.

East Eleven Thousand Acres—see Otis and Sandisfield.

East Hoosuck, Plantation called—see Adams.

East Seekonk—see Seekonk.

East Sudbury—see Wayland.

1780.	Apr. 10.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Sudbury. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 1170.)
1835.	Mar. 11.	The name of the town of East Sudbury shall be Wayland.

Elbows, The—see Palmer, Springfield and Wilbraham.

Elizabeths Islands—see Chilmark and Gosnold.

Emesbury—see Salisbury—new—town (Extinct Places) now Amesbury.

Enfield, see Belchertown, New Salem, Pelham and Ware.

1816.	Feb. 15.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Belchertown and Greenwich.
1818.	June 12.	Bounds between Enfield and Greenwich established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1910.	May 26.	Bounds between Enfield and Greenwich established.
1927.	Apr. 26.	All of Enfield annexed in parts to Belchertown, New Salem, Pelham and Ware.
1938.	Apr. 26.	Act of April 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	Apr. 28.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Enon—see Wenham.

Erving's Grant—see Erving and Orange.

Ervingshire—see Orange and Wendell.

Falltown, The Plantation called—see Bernardston.

Farms, The—see Weston.

Foords Farms—see Bridgewater.

Freemens Land—see Freetown.

Gageborough—see Windsor.

1771.	July 4.	**Established as a town,** formerly the new plantation called Number Four. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 911.)
1778.	Oct. 16.	Part of a tract of land called Plantation Number Five annexed, and the town of Gageborough, together with this annexed tract of land to be known and called by the name of Windsor.

Gay Head Neck—see Chilmark.

Gerry—see Phillipston.

1786.	Oct. 20.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Athol and Templeton.
1789.	Feb. 2.	Bounds between Gerry and Templeton established.
1799.	Feb. 26.	Part annexed to Royalston.
1806.	Feb. 28.	Part annexed to Athol.
1814.	Feb. 5.	Corporate name of the town of Gerry changed to Phillipston.

Glasgow—see Blanford.

Glassworks Grant—see Lee.

Gore, The lands called the—see Charlton and Monroe.

Grafton Gore—see Worcester.

Grape Island—see Weymouth.

Great Habour—see Edgartown.

Great Island—see Gill.

Green and Walker's Land—see Heath.

Green's Harbour—see Rexhame (Extinct Places) now Marshfield.

Greenwich—see Hardwick, New Salem, Petersham, and Ware.

1754.	Apr. 20.	**Established as a town,** formerly a plantation called Quabin. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 730.)
1756.	June 9.	Bounds between Greenwich and Hardwick established.
1765.	Feb. 5.	Part of Hardwick annexed.
1765.	Feb. 27.	Part of Belchertown annexed.
1771.	June 22.	Part of Belchertown annexed.
1787.	June 21.	Part of Belchertown annexed.
1801.	Feb. 18.	Part included in the new town of Dana.
1811.	June 19.	Bounds between Greenwich and Dana established.
1816.	Feb. 15.	Part included in the new town of Enfield.
1818.	June 12.	Bounds between Greenwich and Enfield established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1910.	May 26.	Bounds between Greenwich and Enfield established.
1911.	May 4.	Bounds between Greenwich and Dana established.
1927.	Apr. 26.	All of Greenwich annexed in parts to Hardwick, New Salem, Petersham and Ware.
1938.	Apr. 26.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938.	Apr. 28.	Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Groton, Second precinct of—see Pepperell.

Hack's Grant—see Erving and Northfield.

Hardwick Gore—see Hardwick.

Hartwood, The Plantation called—see Washington.

Hassanamisco, The Plantation of—see Grafton.

Hogg Illand—see Boston and Chelsea.

Hoplands—see Lee.

Houssatannick, Lower Plantation at—see Sheffield.

Huntstown—see Ashfield.

1736.	Jan. 19.*	The grant of a township to Capt. Ephraim Hunt's company confirmed. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XII, p. 332.)
1764.	June 15.	Bounds between Huntstown and Deerfield established.
1765.	June 18.	Plan for the township of Huntstown confirmed.
1765.	June 21.	Plantation of Huntstown established as a town by the name of Ashfield.

Hutchinson—see Barre.

1774.	June 17.	**Incorporated as a town,** formerly incorporated as the Rutland District. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 389.)
1776.	Nov. 7.	Name of Hutchinson changed to Barre.

Hyde Park—see Boston.

1868.	Apr. 22.	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Dedham, Dorchester and Milton.
1868.	May 1.	Act of Apr. 22, 1868, amended and bounds established.
1898.	Apr. 1.	Bounds between Hyde Park and Boston established.
1911.	May 24.	Hyde Park annexed to Boston.
1911.	June 22.	Act of May 24, 1911, amended.
1911.	Nov. 7.	Act of May 24, 1911, as amended, accepted by Hyde Park and Boston.
1912.	Jan. 1.	Act of May 24, 1911, as amended took effect.

Indian Plantation at Natick—see Natick.

Indian Town, The Plantation called the—see Stockbridge.

Ipswich—Canada, the Plantation called—see Winchendon.

Ipswich Hamlet—see Hamilton.

Jeffryes Creeke—see Manchester and Salem.

1640.	May 13.*	Grant to inhabitants of Salem for a village at Jeffryes Creeke and the bounds of said village referred to certain men to settle. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 288.)
1642.	May 3.*	Bounds between Jeffryes Creek, Cape Ann and Ipswich, established.
1645.	May 14.*	"It is ordered, y^{t} Jeffryes Creeke shalbe called Manchester."

Jericho, The Plantation called—see Hancock.

Kingsfield—see Western (Extinct Places) now Warren.

Lambstown, The Plantation called—see Hardwick.

Linn Village—see Lynn and Reading.

Litchfield—see Dunstable.

1734.	July 4.*	**Established as a town,** from lands at Naticock and parts of Dunstable and Nottingham. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 720.) In Mass. Archives, Vol. V, pp. 115 to 119 is the King's decision settling the dispute as to the boundary line between the Provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire.

Little Compton—see Dartmouth.

1682.	June 6.*	**Established as a town,** from lands formerly called "Saconett". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. VI, p. 88.)
1693.	Mar. 13.*	Bounds re-established.
1701.	June 13.*	Bounds between the town of Dartmouth and the towns of Little Compton and Tiverton established.
1747.	Feb. 5.*	". . . the whole of Little Compton in this Province . . ." annexed to Dartmouth.

Little Salisbury—see Amesbury and Salisbury.

Longe Ileland—see Boston.

Loudon—see Otis.

1773.	Feb. 27.	**Established as a town,** from a tract of land called Tyringham Equivalent. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 237.)
1809.	June 19.	Loudon and the district of Bethelem united as the town of Loudon.
1810.	Mar. 1.	Act of June 19, 1809 took effect.
1810.	Mar. 1.	Part annexed to Becket.
1810.	June 13.	Name of the town of Loudon changed to Otis.

Lovel's Island—see Charlestown.

Major's Purchase, The—see Duxbury and Pembroke.

Manamoit, Village or District of—see Chatham.

Mannor of Tisbury, The—see Chilmark.

Marble Harbor—see Salem.

1631.	Oct. 18.*	"Marble Harbr" mentioned. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 92.)
1632.	Feb. 3.*	Called a plantation in this act. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 93.)
1634.	Mar. 4.*	Bounds to be established between "Marble Harbr" and Salem, and "Marble Harbr" and Saugus.

Marshfield Upper Lands—see Pembroke.

Marshpee—see Mashpee.

Mattacheeset—see Yarmouth.

Mattakeeset—see Pembroke.

Mattapan—see Dorchester.

Mennens Moone—see Dorchester.

Merrimack Land—see Bradford (Extinct Places) now Haverhill.

Middle Parishes, Village and—see Danvers.

Middleberry (Middlebery)—see Middleborough.

Middlesex Gore—see Dudley and Sturbridge.

Middletown—see Tisbury.

Mile & Half of Land—see Attleboro and Rehoboth.

Minot's Grant—see Cummington.

Miserys Island—see Salem.

Moguncoy—see Hopkinton.

Mount Ephraim Plantation—see Richmont (Extinct Places) now Richmond.

Mount Hope.

1679. June 3.* Mentioned, and certain bounds established (Ply. Col. Rec. Vol. VI, p. 16.)

1679. Nov. 1.* Bounds between Mount Hope and Swansea established.

1681. Oct. 28.* **Established as a town** by the name of Bristol. (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. VI, p. 77.)

Mount Hope Bay—see Fall River.

Mount Hope Cemetery—see Boston.

Mount Wooliston—see Boston.

Mount Woollaston—see Boston and Braintree.

Muddy River—see Boston and Brookline.

Murrayfield—see Chester.

1765. Oct. 31. **Established as a town,** formerly the plantation called Murrayfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 837.)

1773. June 29. Part established as the district of Norwich.

1781. May 8. Part annexed to Norwich.

1783. Feb. 21. Name of the town of Murrayfield changed to Chester.

Murrayfield Grant—see Cummington.

Musketequid, A Plantation at—see Concord.

Myrifield—see Rowe.

Mystic Side—see Charlestown (Extinct Places) and Malden.

Namassakeesett—see Duxbury.

Namassakett—see Middleborough.

Nantascot—see Hull.

Naquag—see Rutland.

Narragansett Plantation Number 2—see Westminster.

Narragansett Plantation Number 6—see Templeton.

Nashaway—see Lancaster.

[The record is confusing in regard to Nashaway, which appears to have been made Prescott, West Towne and Lancaster all under date of May 18,* 1653.]

1653. May 18.* ". . . this Court doth order the plantation at Nashaway . . . about the name of the towne, that the name of it be henceforth called Lancaster . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. III, p. 303.)

1653. May 18.* "Consideringe that there is already at Nashaway about 9 familyes . . . this court doth hereby giue & graunt them libertyes of a townshipp . . . to be called Prescott." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. III, p. 302.)

1653. May 18.* "This Court, takeing the condition of Nashaway into further consideration, doe order, that it shalbe called henceforth West Towne . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. III, p. 303.)

Nashoba—see Littleton.

1698.	**Nov. 29.***	Mentioned as a tract of land for a township. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 689.)
1714.	**Nov. 2.***	Order making Nashoba and adjoining lands a township and that bounds be established between Nashoba and Groton.
1715.	**June 14.***	Bounds between Nashoba and Groton established.
1715.	**Dec. 3.**	Nashoba henceforth to be called Littleton.

Naticock—see Litchfield (Extinct Places).

Nawsett—see Eastham.

1643.	**— —**	Mentioned in a list of towns having freemen able to bear arms. (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. VIII, p. 177.)
1645.	**Mar. 3.***	". . . those that goe to dwell at Nossett . . ." granted land. (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. II, p. 81.)
1646.	**June 2.***	**Established as a town.** (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. II, p. 102.)
1651.	**June 7.***	The name of the town of Nawsett changed to Eastham.

New Addition—see Montgomery, Russell, and Westfield.

New Framingham, Plantation of—see Lanesborough.

New Hingham, The Plantation called—see Chesterfield.

New Lisburn—see Pelham.

New Meadows, Village at the—see Ipswich and Topsfield.

New Medfield—see Sturbridge.

New Providence, The Plantation called—see Adams.

New Sherburn,—see Douglas.

1742.	**June 19.***	Mentioned in an order as a ". . . Tract of Land called New Sherburn . . .". (Prov. Laws, Vol. XIII, p. 144.)
1746.	**Mar. 14.***	Established as a district or precinct of New Sherburn from lands commonly called New Sherburn and adjoining lands.
1746.	**June 4.***	Part annexed to Uxbridge.
1746	**June 5.***	Name of the district or precinct to be called Douglas.

Newe Towne—see Cambridge.

1631.	**July 26.***	Mentioned in a training act—". . . . Charlton, Mysticke & the newe towne . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 90.)
1632.	**Mar. 6.***	Bounds between "Charles-Towne" and Newe Towne established.
1635.	**Apr. 7.***	Bounds between Newe Towne and "Waterton" established.
1635.	**Apr. 7.***	Bounds between Newe Towne and Roxbury established.
1638.	**May 2.***	Name changed to Cambridge.

Nichewoag, The Plantation of—see Petersham.

No Man's Land—see Chilmark.

No Town—see Princeton, Leominster and Westminster.

No-town, The Plantation called—see Buckland.

Nodles Iland—see Boston and Chelsea.

North Bridgewater—see Brockton.

1821.	June 15.	**Established as a town,** from part of Bridgewater.
1825.	Jan. 26.	Bounds between North Bridgewater and West Bridgewater established.
1874.	Mar. 28.	Act to authorize the town to change its name.
1874.	May 5.	Under act of Mar. 28, 1874 the name of Brockton was adopted.

North Chelsea—see Revere.

1846.	Mar. 19.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Chelsea.
1852.	Mar. 27.	Part established as Winthrop.
1871.	Mar. 24.	Name changed to Revere if accepted by the town within ninety days.
1871.	Apr. 3.	Act of Mar. 24, 1871, accepted by the town.

North Eleven Thousand Acres—see the district of Bethlehem (Extinct Places) now Otis.

North Precinct—see Kingston and Plymouth, and Norton.

Northern Precinct in Cambridge, The—see Lexington.

North Purchase, The—see Attleboro, Norton and Rehoboth.

New Cambridge (Cambridge Village)—see Newton.

North River—see Charlemont and Shelburne.

North Worcester—see Holden and Worcester.

Norwich—see Huntington.

1773.	June 29.	Established as a district by the name of Norwich from part of Murrayfield.
1775.	Aug. 23.	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1780.	Nov. 28.	Part included in the new town of Montgomery.
1781.	Nov. 28.	Part of Murrayfield annexed.
1792.	Mar. 6.	Part annexed to Montgomery.
1794.	Feb. 22.	Part annexed to Chesterfield.
1853.	May 25.	Part of Blandford and Chester annexed.
1855.	Mar. 9.	Name changed to Huntington.

Nossett—see Nawsett (Extinct Places) now Eastham.

Nottingham—see Dunstable.

1733.	Jan. 4.*	**Established as a town,** from part of Dunstable. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 660.)
1747.	June 8.*	Part annexed to Dunstable.
1754.	June 14.	Part annexed to Dunstable.

Number Thirteen—see Chelsea.

Oxford North Gore—see Oxford.

Oxford South Gore—see Oxford.

Pantucket—see Haverhill.

Papasquash Neck—see Swansea.

Parsons—see West Newbury.

1819.	Feb. 18.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Newbury.
1820.	June 14.	Name changed to West Newbury.

Partridgefield—see Peru.

1771.	July 4.	**Established as a town,** formerly the plantation Number Two. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 164.)
1783.	Mar. 12.	Part included in the new town of Middlefield.

Partridgefield, See Peru—Continued.

1804. June 21. Part included in the new town of Hinsdale.
1806. June 19. Name changed to Peru.

Patucket, Indian Plantation at—see Chelmsford.

Pawmett—see Truro.

Payquage, The Plantation of—see Athol.

Petapawoge—see Groton.

Plantation, New—see Bridgewater and Duxbury.

Plantation, No. 1—see Tyringham.

Plantation, No. 2—see Partridgefield (Extinct Places).

Plantation, No. 3—see Sandisfield.

Plantation, The new, No. 3—see Worthington.

Plantation, No. 4—see Becket.

Plantation, The new, No. 4—see Gageborough.

Plantation, No. 5—see Cummington and Gageborough.

Plantation, No. 6—see Savoy.

Plantation, No. 7—see Hawley.

Plum Island—see Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley.

Pompositticut—see Stow.

Ponagansett—see Dartmouth.

Pontoosuck, The Plantation called,—see Pittsfield.

Powder Horne Hill—see Boston.

Prescott (1653)—see Nashaway (Extinct Places).

Prescott—see New Salem and Petersham.

1822. Jan. 28. **Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Pelham and New Salem.
1911. Apr. 27. Bounds between Prescott and New Salem established.
1927. Apr. 26. Annexed to the towns of Petersham and New Salem.
1938. Apr. 26. Act of Apr. 26, 1927, amended.
1938. Apr. 28. Act of Apr. 26, 1927, as amended, took effect.

Prescott's Grant—see Middlefield.

Pullen Poynte—see Boston and Chelsea.

Quabin, The Plantation called—see Greenwich (Extinct Places).

Quansigamond—see Worcester.

Qunshapage—see Mendon.

Quobauge—see Brookfield.

Rexhame—see Marshfield.

1640. Mar. 2.* "It is enacted by the Court That Greens Harbour shalbe a Towneship . . . and that it shalbe called by the name of Rexhame. but now Marshfeild." (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. XI, p. 37.)
1641. Mar. 2.* Rexhame is mentioned in the list of places for which constables are chosen. (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. II, p. 9.)

Rexhame, See Marshfield—Continued.

1641. June 1.* Rexhame is mentioned under "Comittees of the seuall Tounes". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. II, p. 16.)

Richmont—see Richmond.

1765. June 21. **Incorporated as a town,** formerly the new plantation called Yokum Town and Mount Ephraim. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 817.)
1767. Feb. 26. Part established as the district of Lenox.
1772. Apr. 25. Certain states set off from the district of Lenox to Richmont.
1785. Mar. 3. Name changed to Richmond.

Roadtown, The Plantation called—see Shutesbury.

Rogers, Mr. Ezechi: plantation—see Rowley.

Round Island—see Weymouth.

Rowley Village—see Rowley.

ROXBURY—see Boston.

1630. Sept. 28.* Mentioned in the list of plantations to be taxed as "Rocsbury" and on Oct. 19,* as "Rocksbury". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 77, 79.)
1633. Mar. 4.* Bounds between Roxbury and Boston established.
1635. Apr. 7.* Bounds between Roxbury and Newe Towne established.
1636. May 25.* Certain lands granted to Roxbury.
1638. May 2.* Certain lands granted to Roxbury.
1638. May 16.* Bounds between Roxbury and Dedham established.
1641. Oct. 7.* Bounds between Roxbury and Boston at Muddy River established.
1660. Oct. 16.* Certain lands granted to Roxbury.
1675. May 12.* Bounds between Roxbury and Dedham established.
1836. Mar. 16. Bounds between Roxbury and Boston established.
1837. Apr. 19. Bounds between Roxbury and Boston established.
1838. Apr. 23. Part of Newton annexed.
1844. Feb. 24. Part annexed to Brookline.
1846. Mar. 12. **Incorporated as a city.**
1846. Mar. 25. Act of Mar. 12, 1846, accepted by the town.
1850. May 3. Part annexed to Boston and bounds between Roxbury and Boston established.
1851. May 24. Part established as West Roxbury.
1860. Apr. 3. Part annexed to Boston and bounds between Roxbury and Boston established.
1860. Apr. 16. Act of Apr. 3, 1860, accepted by Roxbury.
1860. May 8. Act of Apr. 3, 1860, accepted by Boston.
1867. June 1. Annexed to Boston.
1867. Sept. 9. Act of June 1, 1867, accepted by Roxbury and Boston.
1868. Jan. 5. Act of June 1, 1867, took effect.

Roxbury Canada—see Warwick.

Royalshire—see Royalston.

Rumney Marshe—see Boston and Chelsea.

Rutland, District of—see Hutchinson (Extinct Places) now Barre.

1753. Apr. 12. Established as Rutland district from part of Rutland. (Prov. Laws, Vol. III, p. 654.)
1774. June 17. Rutland District incorporated as a town by the name of Hutchinson.

Saconett—see Little Compton (Extinct Places).

Salisbury-new-town—see Amesbury.

1666.	**May 23.***	**Established as a town,** from part of Salisbury—". . . this Court doeth grant them the liberty of a toune-ship . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 300.)
1667.	**May 15.***	Bounds between Salisbury—new-towne and Haverhill established.
1668.	**May 28.***	"Salisbury new towne, . . . may be named Emesbury." Spelled "Amsbury" in the margin. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 376.)

Sanditch—see Sandwich.

Satuckett—see Harwich.

Saugus—see Lynn.

1631.	**July 5.***	Mentioned as a plantation in the tax list. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 89.)
1635.	**Mar. 4.***	Called a town in this act. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 136.)
1635.	**Mar. 4.***	Bounds between Saugus and Salem and between Saugus and Marble Harbor to be established.
1635.	**July 8.***	Bounds to be set out between Saugus and Boston about Rumney Marsh.
1637.	**Nov. 20.***	Bounds between "Saugust" and Salem to be certified.
1637.	**Nov. 20.***	Name to be changed. "Saugust is called Lin." (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 211.)

Scippican—see Rochester.

Seacunck—see Rehoboth.

Shawshin—see Billerica.

Sherborne—see Sherborn.

Sherburn—see Nantucket.

1687.	**June 27.***	"Sharborn" is mentioned. (N. Y. original books of Letters Patent, Vol. VI, p. 254.)
1692.	**— —**	The island of Nantucket granted to the Province of Massachusetts Bay (Province Charter) (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 9.)
1713.	**June 8.***	The island of Tuckannock granted to the inhabitants of Nantucket and shall be under the jurisdiction of the government there established.
1795.	**June 8.**	Name changed to Nantucket.

Shewamet Purchase—see Somerset.

South Abington—see Whitman.

1875.	**Mar. 4.**	**Incorporated as a town,** from parts of Abington and East Bridgewater.
1875.	**Apr. 24.**	Part annexed to Brockton and part of Brockton annexed.
1886.	**Mar. 5.**	Authorized to take the name of Standish, Brainard, Whitman or Grandon.
1886.	**May 3.**	Name changed to Whitman.

South Brimfield—see Wales.

1762.	**Sept. 18.**	Incorporated as a district from part of Brimfield. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 601.)
1766.	**Feb. 21.**	The district divided into two parishes, the east and west.
1775.	**Aug. 23.**	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1783.	**July 5.**	The east parish incorporated as the district of Holland.
1796.	**Feb. 8.**	Bounds between South Brimfield and the district of Holland established.
1828.	**Feb. 20.**	Name changed to Wales.

South Danvers—see Peabody.

1855.	**May 18.**	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Danvers.
1856.	**Apr. 30.**	Bounds between South Danvers and Salem established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1856.	**May 31.**	Bounds between South Danvers and Danvers established.
1868.	**Apr. 13.**	Name changed to Peabody if accepted by the town.
1868.	**Apr. 30.**	Act of Apr. 13, 1868, accepted by the town.

South Eleven Thousand Acres—see The district of Southfield (Extinct Places) now Sandisfield.

South Reading—see Wakefield.

1812.	**Feb. 25.**	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Reading.
1813.	**June 16.**	Part annexed to Reading.
1856.	**Apr. 5.**	Part of Stoneham annexed.
1868.	**Feb. 25.**	Name changed to Wakefield.
1868.	**June 30.**	Act of Feb. 25, 1868, took effect.

South Scituate—see Norwell.

1849.	**Feb. 14.**	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Scituate.
1857.	**May 15.**	Bounds between South Scituate and Hanover established.
1878.	**Feb. 11.**	Bounds between South Scituate and Hanover established and part of each town annexed to the other town.
1888.	**Feb. 27.**	Authorized to change its name to Norwell, Standish, Deane, Cushing or Hatherly.
1888.	**Mar. 5.**	The name of Norwell was adopted by the town.

Southfield, District of—see Sandisfield.

1797.	**June 19.**	Incorporated as a district formerly the South Eleven Thousand Acres.
1819.	**Feb. 8.**	District of Southfield and town of Sandisfield united as the town of Sandisfield.

Spectakle Ileland—see Boston.

Squakeag, Plantation at—see Northfield.

Squantum—see Dorchester (Extinct Places) and Quincy.

Squantum and the farms—see Dorchester (Extinct Places) and Quincy.

Squantums Neck—see Dorchester (Extinct Places).

Stony Hill—see Ludlow and Springfield.

Stoughtonham—see Sharon.

1765.	**June 21.**	Incorporated as a district from part of Stoughton. (Prov. Laws, Vol. IV, p. 808.)
1775.	**Aug. 23.**	**Made a town,** by general act under which districts became towns.
1778.	**June 10.**	Part included in the new town of Foxborough.
1783.	**Feb. 25.**	Name changed to Sharon.

Stow Leg—see Shirley.

Suckanesset—(Sacconeesett).

1670.	**June 7.***	Bounds mentioned. (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. V, p. 41.)
1681.	**July 7.***	Bounds between Suckanesset and Sandwich established.
1686.	**June 4.***	**Established as a town,** ". . . to become a township, and have the previledges of a town . . .". (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. VI, p. 189.)

Suffield.

1674.	**June 3.***	". . . that the name of the place be Suffeild . . .". (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. V, p. 13.)
1740.	**Jan. 9.***	Bounds between Suffield and Springfield established.
1743.	**June 3.***	Bounds between Suffield and Springfield established.

Suffield Equivalent Lands—see Blandford.

Swampfield—see Sunderland.

1673. May 7.* Inhabitants of Hadley granted land for a plantation. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 557.)

1714. Feb. 17.* **Established as a town,** the grant of May 1673, for a plantation, revived and ". . . The Town to be named Swampfield." (Prov. Laws, Vol. XXI, p. 839.)

1718. Nov. 12.* Committee managing affairs of Swampfield discharged, and the name of the said town be henceforth called Sunderland.

Tauconnuck Mountain, The Plantation called—see Mount Washington.

Taunton, North Purchase—see Easton and Norton.

Thompson's Island—see Dorchester (Extinct Places) and Boston.

Tisbury, The Mannor of—see Chilmark.

Tiverton—see Dartmouth, Freetown and Rochester.

1694. June 14.* **Established as a town,** from certain land lying between Little Compton, Freetown and Dartmouth. (Prov. Laws, Vol. I, p. 174.)

1700. June 17.* Bounds between Tiverton and Freetown established.

1701. June 13.* Bounds between Dartmouth and the towns of Little Compton and Tiverton established.

1713. June 3.* Bounds between Tiverton and Freetown established.

1714. June 11.* Bounds between Tiverton and Rochester established.

1747. Feb. 5.* Certain parts of Tiverton remaining in this province annexed to Freetown.

Toppesfield—see Ipswich.

Town upon Charles River, The—see Watertown.

Towtait—see Leicester.

Trimountaine—see Boston.

Troy—see Fall River.

1804. June 18. Name of incorporated town of Fall River changed to Troy.

1834. Feb. 12. Name of the town of Troy changed to Fall River.

Tuckannock—see Sherburn (Extinct Places) now Nantucket.

Turkey Hills—see Lunenburg and Townsend.

Tyringham Equivalent—see Louden (Extinct Places) now Otis.

Uncataquissett—see Milton.

Village, Beverly and the—see Beverly and Wenham.

Village, The or New Grant—see Acton.

Village at the New Meadows—see Ipswich and Topsfield.

Village and Middle Parishes in Salem—see Danvers.

Wameset—see Chelmsford.

Wannamoisett—see Swansea.

1667. Oct. 30.* **Established as a town,** from certain lands within the limits of the town of Rehoboth and certain adjacent lands. (Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. IV, p. 169.)

1668. Mar. 5.* Name changed to "Swansey."

Ward—see Auburn.

1778.	Apr. 10.	**Incorporated as a town,** from a parish lately set off from the towns of Leicester, Oxford, Sutton and Worcester. (Prov. Laws, Vol. V, p. 796.)
1837.	Feb. 17.	Name changed to Auburn.

Ware-River Parish—see Ware.

1750.	June 19.*	Bounds established. (Prov. Laws, Vol. XIV, p. 421.)
1761.	Nov. 25.	Incorporated as the district of Ware.

Wellington—see Dighton.

1814.	June 9.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Dighton.
1824.	Feb. 12.	Bounds between Wellington and Dighton established and part of Dighton annexed.
1826.	Feb. 22.	Wellington and Dighton united as the town of Dighton, the act to take effect in one year from date of passage.
1827.	June 16.	Town of Wellington revived to exist for one year for certain purposes.
1828.	June 16.	Act of June 16, 1827, expired.

Wessacucon—see Newbury.

Wessaguscus—see Boston and Weymouth.

1630.	Sept. 28.*	Mentioned in the tax act. (Mass. Bay Rec., Vol. I, p. 77.)
1635.	Mar. 4.*	Bounds between Wessaguscus and Mount Wooliston to be determined.
1635.	July 8.*	Bounds between Wessaguscus and Barecove to be established.
1635.	Sept. 2.*	Name changed to Weymouth.

West Cambridge—see Arlington.

1807.	Feb. 27.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Cambridge.
1842.	Feb. 25.	Part of Charlestown annexed.
1850.	Apr. 30.	Part included in the new town of Winchester.
1859.	Mar. 18.	Part included in the new town of Belmont.
1861.	Jan. 31.	Bounds between West Cambridge and Belmont established.
1862.	Feb. 25.	Bounds between West Cambridge and Cambridge established and part of each place annexed to the other place.
1867.	Apr. 13.	Name changed to Arlington.
1867.	Apr. 30.	Act of Apr. 13, 1867, took effect.

West Hoosuck, The Plantation called—see Williamstown.

West Roxbury—see Boston.

1851.	May 24.	**Incorporated as a town,** from part of Roxbury.
1852.	Apr. 21.	Part of Dedham annexed.
1852.	Apr. 30.	Act of Apr. 21, 1852, accepted by West Roxbury.
1853.	July 4.	Act of Apr. 21, 1852, took effect.
1870.	Apr. 2.	Bounds between West Roxbury and Boston established.
1872.	Apr. 12.	Part of West Roxbury known as Mount Hope Cemetery annexed to Boston.
1873.	May 29.	West Roxbury annexed.
1873.	Oct. 7.	Act of May 29, 1873, accepted by West Roxbury and Boston.
1874.	Jan. 5.	Act of May 29, 1873, took effect.

West Town—see Nashaway (Extinct Places).

Western—see Warren.

1742.	Jan. 16.*	**Established as a town,** from parts of the towns of Brimfield and Brookfield and part of Kingsfield, so called. (Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 1088.)

Western—See Warren—Continued.

1823. **Feb. 8.** Part annexed to Ware.
1831. **Feb. 7.** Part annexed to **Palmer.**
1834. **Mar. 13.** Name changed to **Warren.**

Whipsufferage planters—see Marlborough.

Wills Hill—see Andover.

Willard's Farm—see Acton.

Williams Grant—see Lee.

Winnissimet—see Boston and Chelsea.

Wollonopaug—see Wrentham.

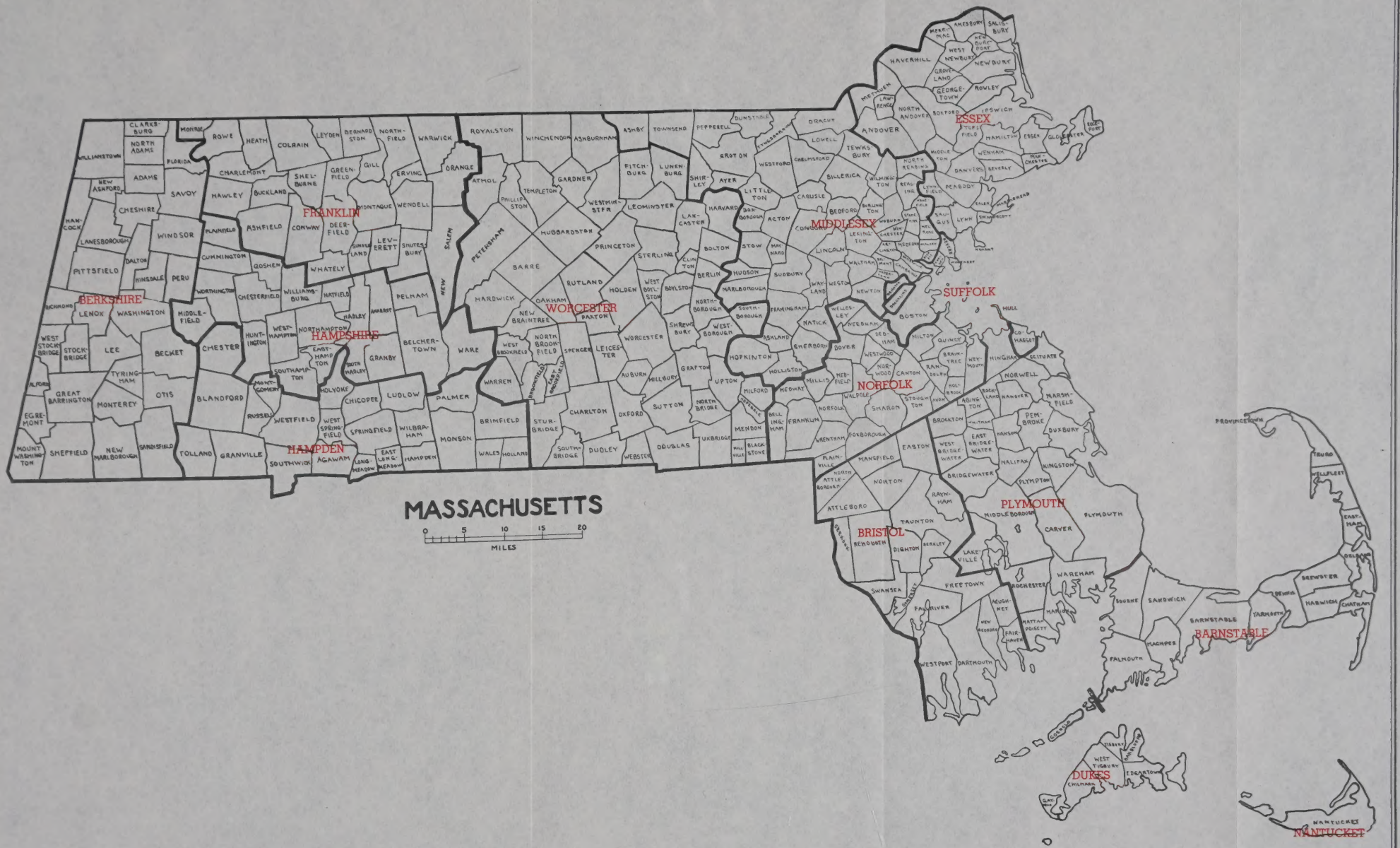
Woronoake—see Springfield and Westfield.

Woronoko—see Springfield.

Wynetsemt—see Boston.

Yokun Town, The Plantation called—see Richmont (Extinct Places) now Richmond.

Zoar—see Charlemont and Rowe.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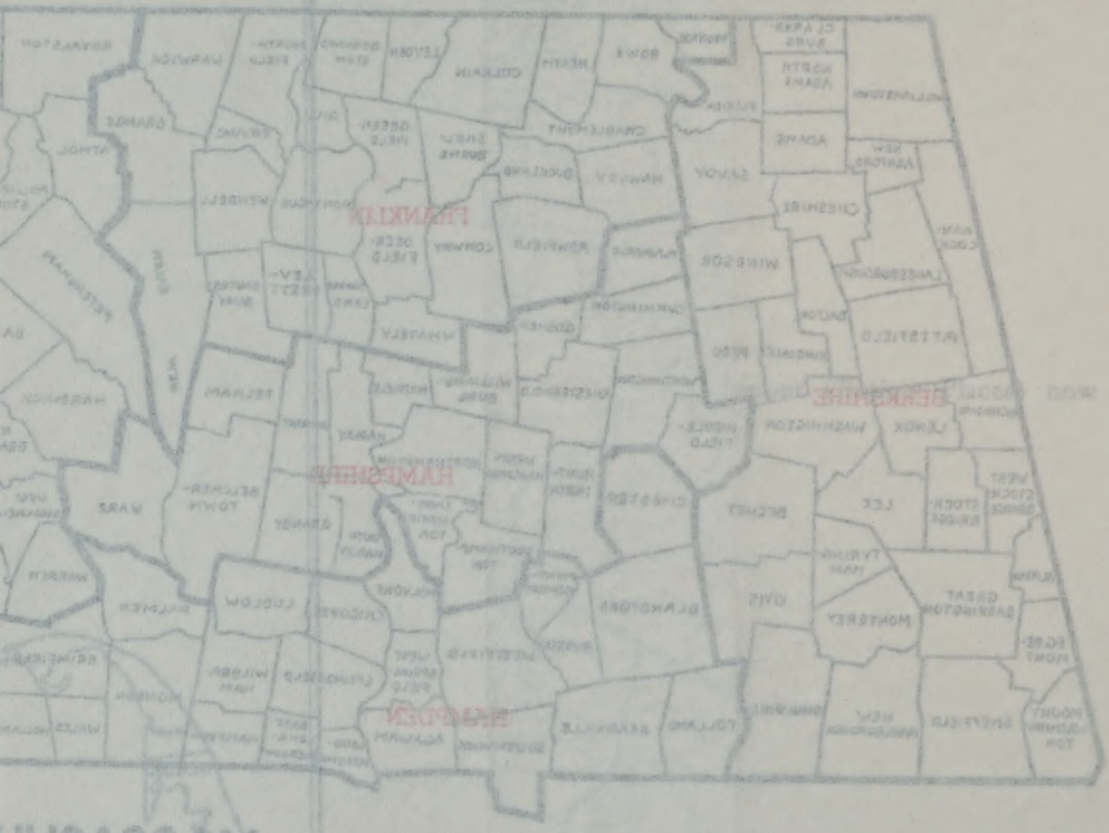
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